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## 2 Somalis Die In Firefight With French In Mogadishu

Mission's First Deaths Occur as U.S. Arranges Meeting of Warlords

MOGADISHU, Somalia - French troops shot and killed two Somalis and wounded six firing on a truck as it sped through a roadblock Thursday on the second day of a United Nations operation to end looting of famine relief

Afterward, helicopter gunships hovered low over Mogadishu, flares lighting the night sky over the port area, and sporadic bursts of gun-

A Marine team patrols a surrealistic cityscape that is not in any war-games script. Page 5.

fire rattled around the bombed-out capital. The killings were the first since a United States-led force arrived Wednesday with orders to restore law and order.

Along with the violence came bope that U.S. diplomatic efforts — backed by American and French soldiers -- could persuade two of Mogadishu's rival warlords to end a feud that has killed or maimed more than 30,000 people. The U.S. special envoy to Somalia, Robert B. Oak-ley, said General Mohammed Farrah Aidid and Mohammed Ali Mahdi would talk peace at the

reopened U.S. Embassy on Friday.
"It is possible this meeting could lead to a solution to Somalia's problems," Mr. Oakley

But in Nairobi, a U.S. government specialist on Africa, Herman J. Cohen, said the multinational force now moving into Somalia could stay there as long as a year.

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The force, eventually numbering as many as 35,000 troops from a dozen nations, will be needed to maintain order and support efforts to set up a new government, said Mr. Cohen, assistant secretary of state for African affairs. In Paris, Defense Minister Pierre Joze said

there was no time limit for deployment of French troops in Somalia, "For us in France, Jan. 20 means nothing," he said when asked about a target date that has been mentioned for withdrawal of U.S. forces.

On the second day of the United Nations-mandated operation to save as many as I million people from starving to death, U.S. Ma-rines and members of the French-Foreign Legion fanned out from the port and airport into the capital's streets.

Colonel Michel Touron, commander of the French force, said of the incident: "At 6:45 P.M. a civilian truck loaded with people and baggage crashed at high speed through one of the control points maintained by the Freuch. According to the rules established by the U.S. command, the order to fire was given."

There were some reports that American troops in the area might have been involved.

About 150 Foreign Legionnaires in Mogadishu are the vanguard of an expected 2,000 French soldiers. Other troops have been promised by a dozen nations, including Canada, Italy. Egypt and Turkey.

Most Somalis have welcomed the arrival of the troops, but the deaths rekindled fears that Operation Restore Hope could sink into the quagmire of Somali clan pobtics. "If the dead men were gunmen, it is good for Somalia," said a student, Hassan Aden. "But if they were not gunmen, this is an evil foreign action."

The Friday meeting of the Somali warlords was arranged under intense UN pressure. A second meeting will take place on Saturday aboard a French warship. General Aidid, who feels cheated out of the

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French Legionnaires struggling to carry a wounded Somali from the scene of a firefight at a Mogadishu checkpoint.

## Clinton Names His Economics Team

### With Congress in Mind, He Picks Pragmatic Conservatives

By Lawrence Malkin International Herold Tribune

NEW YORK -- President-elect Bill Clinton on Thursday unveiled his new economic team, a group of pragmatic conservatives picked to push his domestic program through Congress. But the choices leave the direction of his international economic policy still un-

At a news conference in Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Clinton, as expected, named as Treasury secretary Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Democrat of Texas and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Introduced by Mr. Clinton at the news conference, Mr. Bentsen said, "People are not asking for miracles, but for progress, and they're going to get it,"

Mr. Bentsen's top deputy will be Roger Altman, 46, a New York investment banker.

Representative Leon E. Panetta, 54, Democrat of California, was picked to head the

siders, Alice M. Rivlin, 61, former director of the Congressional Budget Office and long a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, Another Wall Street executive, Robert E. Rubin, 54, will head the new Economic Secu-

Mr. Bentsen will be the spokesman for the economic team, although Mr. Clinton stressed that "in the end I will make the ultimate decisions and be the arbiter."

The president and his appointees stressed the need to work out a long-range program to reduce the budget deficit and increase the level of private and public investment.

"I'm going to work my heart out with these people to construct a strong, long-term plan for economic growth, for jobs, for incomes, and to reduce the national debt," Mr. Clinton said. More appointments in economics and

Office of Management and Budget. As Mr.
Panetta's deputy, Mr. Clinton picked one of
Washington's most experienced economic inin other countries is the minister of finance, a job that also usually includes control of the nation's spending. That function is split in the United States, with spending handled by the Office of Management and Budget,

Mr. Panetta, Mr. Clinton's choice for that ob, has, as chairman of the House Budget Committee, been tireless in demanding cuts in the deficit but largely ineffective in Wash-ington's political gridlock, Mr. Clinton aims to change that by co-opting two leaders of the Democratic Congress to serve as his chief negotiators and battering rams at the other, and of Pennsylvania Avenue.

The appointments had been leaked for several days to ensure there would be no surprises for financial markets fearful that a Democratic president would embark on a

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## Arkansas, an Ugly Duckling No Longer

By Michele L. Norris Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Nancy Mouroe realized that her Arkansas roots bad suddenly become chie when a San Francisco cab driver refused to accept her \$5 fare after discovering that she hailed from Little Rock. The cabbie wanted news in lieu of cash and begged Ms. Monroe for any tidbits that she knew about Bill Clinton and his

For Bill Allen, a Little Rock lawyer, the epiphany came when he checked into a Boston area hotel and the manager gave him a free upgrade to a luxury suite at no extra charge because Mr. Allen was wearing a campaign pin that said, "I'm from Arkansas, ask me about my governor.

Delta Willis, an Arkansan in New York, figured something was up when old boyfriends started coming out of the woodwork. "I wondered why there was this sudden surge in interest since one of the guys is married and was not very nice to me when we went ont,"

she said. "And then I realized that they wanted to have a connection

to the Clintons. I'm getting a lot of brown nosing these days. But hey, it's better than the put-downs that we Arkansans have gotten used to

After years of being the butt of bad jokes from snobby Easterners and big-city folk, natives of Bill Clinton's home state are suddenly being showered with the kind of attention normally reserved for celebrities. Arkansans throughout America are being hounded by well-wishers, wannabes and - to use one Little Rock native's description — lots of "you-may-not-remember-mo-buts."

"The phones are ringing off the honk with people who want everything from inangural tickets to information on the inside track for jobs or just to say, 'Hey, congratulations,' " said Bill Massey, a lawyer who works in the Washington office of a Little Rock-based firm. "There is no doubt that people from Arkansas bave newfound

"It's astonishing," said Joyce Castleberry, who grew up in Pocahon-See CHIC, Page 2

## Seeking Referendum, **Yeltsin Leaves Fate** Of Economy to Public

## President, Jolting Russian Deputies, Vows to Quit if Hard-Liners Prevail

Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Declaring that he could no longer work with Russia's conservative-domi-nated parliament, President Boris N. Yeltsin called Thursday for a nationwide referendum in decide the future of the country and the fate of his free-market economic policies.

The president's statement, made in a televised address to the Congress of People's Deputies, plunged Russia into its most serious politi-cal crisis since the abortive coup by Communist hard-liners in August 1991. It brought 10 a elimax a long-simmering conflict between the executive and legislative branches of govern-ment that has threatened to undermine the country's fledgling democracy and severely complicate the transition to a market economy.

"What they failed to do in August 1991, they have decided to repeat now by means of a creeping coup," said the 61-year-old president in a vitriolie attack against his political opponents. "It is now up to the electors to choose. The fate of the reforms, the fate of the president and the Congress, is in your hands.

The wording of the referendum, as proposed by Mr. Yeltsin, is; "Whom should be given the task of leading the country ont of the economic and political crisis and revitalizing the Russian Federation; the President of the Russian Federation or the Congress of People's Deputies of the Russian Federation in its present composi-

Mr. Yeltsin said he would resign as president

The referendum might also allow the people to choose whether to hold presidential or legislative elections, or both, in March.

By throwing down the gauntlet to the Con-gress, the highest organ of state authority in Russia, Mr. Yeltsin has taken one of the boldest and riskiest gambles of his turbulent political career. Opinion polls suggest that he remains easily the single most popular politician in the country, but there is no guarantee that a referendum will be held on his terms or that he can win a constitutional showdown with the legisla-

The final straw for Mr. Yeltsin was the refus-al on Wednesday of the 1.041-member Congress in confirm the appointment of Yegor T. Gaidar, the architect of shock therapy, as prime minister. On Thursday, Mr. Yeltsin said that he planned to keep the 36-year-old economist as acting prime minister until the crisis was re-

After delivering his bombshell, which was greeted by gasps and shouts of protest from the hall, Mr. Yeltsin stalked out of the Grand Kremlin Palace and called on deputies who supported him to follow his example. Between 150 and 200 radical deputies then walked out of the Congress, leaving behind 800 or so legisla-tors representing a wide spectrum of opinion from centrist to hard-line Communist and na

At his meeting with radical deputies, and at a later meeting with workers at a Moscow car assembly plant, Mr. Yeltsin urged his supporters to gather the 1 million signatures necessary for holding a referendum as quickly as possible.

In his speech to the Congress, Mr. Yeltsin accused the parliamentary speaker, Ruslan I, Khasbulatov, of turning the legislature into a "bulwark for conservative and reactionary forces" and of attempting to lead the country on a "path to nowhere." A former Yelsin protege, Mr. Khasbulatov stood alongside the president in resisting the Communist coup at-tempt last year but has emerged as the leading critic of the liberal market policies of the Gaidar government over the past few months.

After several hours of beated debate, the Congress adopted a counterresolution accusing Mr. Yeltsin of trying to disrupt the constitutional division of power between the executive and legislative branches. It suggested a referendum in which the people would be asked to vote for joint early elections to the presidency, whose mandate expires in June 1996, and the Congress, which is elected until March 1995.

As the president and the legislature headed toward confrontation, frantic efforts began behind the scenes to find a compromise. The bead of the Constitutional Court, Valeri D. Zorkin,

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A demonstrator demanding the resignation of Boris N. Yeltsin on Thursday in Moscow.

## EC Summit Task: Breathe Life Into European Unity

By Tom Redburn

nat Herald Tribuni EDINBURGH - Queen Elizabeth 11 could have been speaking for all of Europe when she called 1992 an "annus horribilis."

A horrible year indeed: War in the Balkans fueled by bottomless ethnic and religious hatred. Racial attacks and killings of foreigners in Germany. A resurgence of French insularity as its farmers took in the streets in violent protest over cutbacks in agriculture subsidies. A spectacular breakdown of the system of fixed European exchange rates amid a widespread eco-

With all that has gone wrong, European political leaders could be forgiven for not looking forward to the pivotal two-day meeting of

Friday, which could determine whether Euro-

pean unity goes ahead.
"We had dreamt of another kind of 1992," Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission, acknowledged wistfully this week.

It was all supposed to be so different. This was the year the 12 nations of the EC planned to complete their grand project of

Europeans agree to develop a cheaper and less capable fighter aircraft. Page 2. Norway unpegged its krone from the Europe-an currency unit. Page 11.

rump state of Yugoslavia, and in the west, near Albania. The duties of the force would

The council was expected to authorize the

peacekeeping contingent as early as Friday.

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constructing a genuine single market to usher in a shiny era of even greater European prosperi-European Community leaders that opens here ty. Politicians expected to receive the seal of

include monitoring borders.

approval on their ambitions Maastricht Treaty on European Union charting a course toward dramatically greater economic and political integration. And out of the collapse of the Soviet Union and its empire was to rise the phoenix of of a new European superpower

Instead, a united and powerful Europe able to maintain stability on the continent and active in world affairs remains a distant dream. For all the progress over the last eight years in creating an internal market, serious obstacles still stand in the way of a Europe without

European currency chaos this fall brought on by highly visible economic and political strains now makes it unlikely that the all-powerful Deutsche mark will be submerged within a grand, single Eurocurrency in the foresceable

have imposed strict conditions on monetary union that provides the Bundestag essentially with a veto over any future move.

Denmark and Britain, meanwhile, reflecting widespread public uncertainty across Europe about the Community's aims, are still balking at ratification of the treaty approved at the Dutch city of Maastricht amid so much optimism last December.

Only a few months ago, the hope was to crown this year of heavy symbolism with a bold series of summit meeting triumphs in Edin-

"It is very important for Europe as a whole that the Community is able to reach agree-See EUROPE, Page 2

#### Kiosk

#### **UN Chief Backs Force for Macedonia** called for deployment in the north, near the

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) — Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali recommended on Thursday enlarging the UN military presence in the Balkans by deploying up to 800 peacekeepers and police to

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prevent trouble in Macedonia. In a report to the Security Council, he

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## Rule Britannia? Skeptics Doubt Charles Ever Will

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service

LONDON - Conservative members of Parliament, newspaper editorials and even avid royalists voiced growing skepticism Thursday that the Prince and Princess of Wales would ever be able to preside as the nation's future king and queen, now that they have separated as husband and wife.

One day after Britain was stunned by the announcement that the couple intended to break up but not to divorce, the government's insistence the arrangement would not impair the monarchy or the succession to the throne appeared to be do to little to quiet doubters. -

Rather than reassuring people, the announcement of the couple's so-called amicable settlement only appeared to bave fueled debate and uncertainty over the future of the monarchy, which is facing its most serious upheaval since 1936, when King Edward VIII

abdicated the throne to marry Wallis Simpson, a divorced American socialite.

In particular, there was sharp exception to the notion, advanced pointedly by Prime Minister John Major in Parliament on Wednesday, that the Princess of Wales could still be crowned as the queen consort, if and when Prince Charles succeeds his mother to the throne as king.

Geoffrey Dickens, a Conservative member of Parliament, said the very idea of Diana becoming queen, while she is separated from her husband, was "out of the question." Peter Butler, another Tory, warned such an arrangement would amount to a "constitutional travesty.

The marriage in legal terms may still be alive, but in reality it is over and just because she was a wife to the future king does not give her the right to be queen, said Mr. Butler, speaking in the corridors of Westminster. Britain's aggressive tabloid press, which for

months has been drilling away at cracks in the royal marital facade, switched tactics Thursday morning, and pounced immediately on the terms of their new marital arrangement. "Charles will not be king. Di will not be queen," wrote the mass-circulation tabloid. The Sun, in a front-page summary.

The Daily Mirror said: "This latest royal mess is making a mockery of the monarchy. Unchecked, that mockery will destroy the monarchy itself."

But Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street and various ranking cleries of the Church of England insisted that the arrangement preserved, rather than imperiled, the monarchy, arguing that it posed no bar to the succession to the throne.

After months of intense speculation that the marriage was in trouble, the government and the palace announced that Charles and Diana would live separately as husband and wife,

jointly sharing custody of their sons, Princes William, 10, and Harry, 8.

Still, even the most sympathetic commentators seemed bewildered by the idea of separate palaces and separate courts. Lord Saint John of Fawsley, a former Conservative Party cabinet minister, a constitutional expert and friend of the royal family, said he agreed with Mr. Major that there was no statutory bar to an

estranged prince assuming the throne. "But it certainly requires a strong effort of imagination to project oneself forward into that situation," he added.

Although the conventions of single-parenthood and joint custody may work well for many families, English doubters wondered if they would equally serve the interests of a royal family. As the Financial Times pointed out, this is a family in which "the monarch is the head of the Church of England, the queen is revered as head of a family, the media

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donment earlier this year.

be up to 30 percent cheaper than the plane previously envisaged. The original plan, conceived in 1984, had called for spending on monetary, political and other issues has on monetary political and \$38 billion, but Germany balked last June. saying the cost was excessive after the disappearance of the Soviet military threat.

tary industry project, the European Fighter Aircraft, after a German rejection of the The agreement, based on a report by the plane's high cost in the post-Cold War era four-nation consortium building the plane. had threatened to cause the project's abanrepresented a compromise between British onment earlier this year.

Defense ministers from the four councillation might have led to the loss of tries, attending a NATO meeting in Brus-sels, approved plans for a fighter that will tence that a cheaper plane was bet-

on monetary, political and other issues has appeared distinctly frayed, and the Continent's economy is stagnant, the accord represented an important breakthrough. The plane's development has already consumed close to \$9 billion and it is a symbol of European industrial cooperation.

"Germany's determined negotiating po-sition has brought about a successful re-requirment." sult," said Volker Rühe, the German de-

world bas changed." security environment offers the potential of a plan to use a new radar. for significant reductions in the operation

fense minister, "I think the people in original aircraft, the new plane is to be million DM.

The report from the Munich-based con-A statement from the meeting said that sortium said that the savings would come "ministers endorsed the conclusions of the essentially from revised production methconsortium's report that there is a need for ods, the downgrading of some electronic a new lighter aircraft and that the new warfare equipment, and the abandonment

With these and other cuts, the cost of each plane could be reduced to 90 million Instead of EFA, the acronym for the Deutsche marks (\$57 million) from 127

#### WORLD BRIEFS

China Spurns Clinton on Hong Kong HONG KONG (Reuters) - A Chinese official on Thursday rejected President-elect Bill Clinton's offer of a possible American role in easing the Chinese-British dispute over Hong Kong, describing his comments a

inappropriate.
"The Hong Kong issue is something between China and Britain before
June 30, 1997, and it will be the Chinese government's internal affair after
1997," said Zheng Guoxiong, a deputy director of the Xinhua press

Britain will return the colony on that date, but Governor Chris Patten has drawn Beijing's fury by proposing democratic changes before the handover. "Any third country saying this or that over the issue is inappropriate." Mr. Zheng said.

#### **Angolan Command Warns UNITA**

LUANDA, Angola (Reuters) — The country's new armed forces command warned UNITA rebels Thursday to keep their latest pledge to honor May 1991 peace accords or face a new civil war.

General João Matos, the new commander of the armed forces, warned

at the swearing-in of the military command that the army was ready to take matters into its own hands. He said the military could not continue to wait for a political solution if the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola did not stop its

mobilization and end the undeclared war during which it has occupied some 75 percent of the country in recent weeks.

#### Bombs Explode in 4 Bogotá Hotels

BOGOTA (AP) - Bombs exploded at four hotels in the Colombian capital, wounding at least 12 people, the police said. A bomb was deactivated at another hotel.

There was no immediate indication of who was responsible for the bombings, which occurred late Wednesday. Two of the blasts went off about the same time at a Travel Lodge in front of the botel and on the 36th floor, the police said.

Khmer Rouge Boycott UN Meeting

PHNOM PENH (Reuters) — The Khmer Rouge guerrillas boycotted a meeting Thursday at which UN peacekeepers said they had found no evidence of unauthorized foreign military forces in Cambodia.

The announcement was a rebuff to the guerrillas, who are using their claim that Vietnamese forces are still fighting in Cambodin to justify abandoning the terms of a peace agreement that they and three other factions signed last year.

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The UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia announced its conclu-

sion in a report to a working session of the Supreme National Council, a reconcilation body comprising members of the Vietnamese-installed government and three guerrilla groups, including the Khmer Rouge.

#### U.S. Has Doubts on Female Condom

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration expressed doubts Thursday about the effectiveness of a female condom in preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The agency has asked an outside panel of experts to examine results of the manufacturer's studies. The condoms have already been approved for use in parts of

The manufacturer, Wisconsin Pharmacal, said its studies of 200 women for over six months showed a failure rate of 12.2 percent, but information on the use of the device in Latin America showed a failure rate as high as percent. Failure means the users became pregnant.

In the studies, the condom's effectiveness as a contraceptive is taken as an indication of how well it would work in preventing sexually transmit-

#### Infected Haitians Languish in Cuba

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Despite warnings of a potential "public health disaster," the government is still holding more than 200 Haitian refugees infected with the virus that causes AIDS at Guantánamo Naval

Officials of the Justice Department, which created a special camp for the infected refugees last spring, said it would remain in place until the incoming Clinton administration decided what to do with them.

## Diana arriving Thursday for a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce in London.

#### ROYALS: Skeptics Doubt Charles Will Rule Britannia s set off early Thursday on their group of well-wishers waiting on

sence of royalty is tradition." Several newspapers noted the as-surances of the palace and the govcrument that the couple did not intend to divorce, and then reminded readers that Princess Anne who is to remarry Saturday in a

private ceremony in Scotland -- also said she had no plans to divorce when she left her busband. Captain Mark Phillips, in 1989. But the government continued to reject questions about divorce as,

bypothetical, and insisted that pal ace's business would go on as usual. To that end, the prince and prinseparate schedules, attending to royal business as Britain's favorite celebrities, luncheon guests and cutters of ribbons.

Diana attended a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce in central London, where she received an emotional response, including cheers and standing ovation, from the mostly American audience. But her remarks carefully adhered to the prepared text, and she made no reference to her per-

Prince Charles' duties carried him on a tour of the London sewer

the sidewalk applauded. Charles, appearing pleased by the response, strode over the group to shake

But if the palace and government hoped reporters and photographers pursuing the royal couple were going to ease off, there was little sign of it. Mobs of cameras dogged them, as well Queen Elizabeth II. who traveled across London to visit her bankers for lunch.

Diana will not attend Princess Anne's wedding Saturday, Reuters reported. A spokesman said: "The Princess of Wales has, however, system. As his car arrived outside, a sent the couple her best wishes."

## Tokyo and Osaka Top Expense List

GENEVA (AP) - Tokyo and Osaka remain by far the most expensive in dollar terms, according to a survey published Thursday. But currency realignments have benefited expatriates in Europe, with cities in Sweden. Finland, Britain, Italy and Spain cheaper than six months ago.

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The survey of 97 cities is published twice a year by the Corporate Resources Group. It is based on a basket of 151 products including food, clothing and transport, but not accommodation, and was updated to reflect price and currency changes valid on Monday. New York is used as

The survey showed Tokyo to have an index of 183, followed by Osaka at 171. At the other end of the scale, the Colombian capital, Bogotá, was cheapest at 67. Libreville in Gabon and Brazzaville in the Congo rank third and fourth, at 139 and 138. West European countries are still generally more expensive than the United States. Oslo is now top of the list in Europe with a rating of 137. Geneva was 125, Paris 119, Berlin 111,

generally more expensive than the United States. Oslo is now top of the list in Europe with a rating of 137. Geneva was 125, Paris 119, Berlin 111, London 110, and Madrid, Barcelona and Rome 106.

The cost of living ratings for cities surveyed: I. Tokyo, 183; 2. Osaka, Japan, 171; 3. Libreville, Gabon, 139; 4. Brazzaville, Cougo, 138; 5. Oslo, 137; 6. Taipek, 130; 7. Douala, Cameroon, 128; 7. Copenhagen, 128; 9. Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 127; 9. Buenos Aires, 127; 11. Zurich, 126; 12. Geneva, 125; 13. Moscow, 122; 14. Vienna, 121; 15. Paris, 119; 16. Scoul, 118; 16. Stockholm, 118; 18. Beijing, 116; 18. Lome, Togo, 116; 18. Hong Kong, 116; 18. Doblin, 116.

22. Luxembourg, 115; 23. Brussels, 113; 23. Lyon, France, 113; 25. Minnich, 112; 26. Berlin, 111; 26. Dusseldorf, 111; 28. London, 110; 28. Hamburg, 110; 30. Frankfurt, 109; 30. Helsinki, 109; 32. Shanghai, 108; 32. Tel Aviv, 108; 34. Milan, 107; 35. Madrid, 106; 35. Barcelona, 106; 35. Rome, 106; 38. Singapore, 105; 39. Lisbon, 105; 40. Amsterdam, 103; 41. Amman, Jordan, 102; 42. Ieddah, 101; 43. New York, 100; 43. Leipzig, Germany, 100; 43. Manama, Bahrain, 100; 46. Kuals Luupur, 99; 47. Cairo, 98; 47. Montevideo, Uruguay, 98; 47. Rio de Janeiro, 98. 50. Athens, 97; 50. Jakarta, 97; 53. San Juan, 96; 53. Washington, 96; 53. Chicago, 96; 56. Dubai, 94; 56. Abu Dhabi, 94; 56. Newcastle, England, 94; 56. Los Angeles, 94; 56. Houston, 94; 61. San Francisco, 93; 61. Boston, 93; 61. Miami, 93; 61. Manila, 93; 65. Casabianca, Moreocco, 92; 65. Bangkok, 92; 67. Mexico City, 90; 67. Lagos, 90; 67. Toronto, 90; 70. Toronts, 89; 70. Sydney, 89; 70. Tehran, 89; 70. Algiers, 89; 74. Melbourne, 88; 74. St. Lonis, Missouri, 85; 74. Istanbul, 88; 71. Lima, 87; 78. Nairobi, 86; 78. Coatemala City, 86; 78. Montreal, 86; 81. Panama City, 83; 85. Frague, 84; 86. Karachi, Pakistan, 83; 86. Budapest, 83; 86. Johannesburg, 83; 89. Calgary, Alberta, 82; 90. Santiago, 81; 91. Caracas, 80; 92. Warsaw, 79; 93. Auckland, New Zealand, 74; 93. Harare, Zimbabwe, 74; 93. Gonbay, 70; 97. Bogo

The British cousul in Durban has warned tourists in South Africa to avoid remote areas and not to enter black townships after dark. His warning follows the rape of a British woman on a beach Tuesday and the murder of two British women on a beach northern Natal last week. Intense political rivalry between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress in Natal has resulted in virtual civil war that often spills over into criminal violence.

(AFP)

La Scala has reversed a threat to refuse spectators entry to the cheap seats because they booed Luciano Pavarotti. No special measures will be taken. We will just try to apply existing rules better," a Scala spokesman said. "People can protest as much as they want once the performance has ended, but anyone who shouts during the opera will be asked to leave." he

A hurricane in Fiji threatened tourist resorts and sugar farms on the west coast of the main island of Viti Levu. The National Weather Forecasting Center said the eye of the storm was 30 miles (50 kilometers)

west of Nadi, close to the airport at Suva, and was heading slowly Pilots for Indian Airlines went on an Indefinite strike Thursday seeking

increased benefits and improved airport safety. A spokesman for the airline said 40 percent of the daily 220 flights had to be canceled, but the airline would continue to link up eight major cities, all capitals of Iodia's airline would continue to mile up eight major the help of nonunion pilots.

25 states and important tourist centers, with the help of nonunion pilots.

(AFP)

## **IRA Random Terror Tactics** Making a Dent on Londoners

By William E. Schmidt

New York Times Service LONDON --- Joanna Grace said her friends and relatives in suburban Essex thought she was daft when she asked them to join ber on a Christmas shopping trip into central London.

"They said, 'What? And get blown up?' " she recalled as she stood with her 3-year-old son outside the gaily decorated windows of Selfridges department store on Oxford Street. "I know the bombs won't stop me, but I'm not so sure about others. All of this terror does have an effect on the way a ln1 of other people now go about their

As London plunges into the Christmas season, with buses and trains and streets crowded with shoppers and commuters, the specter of the Irish Republican Army and random terror is once again

chilling the boliday cheer. [IRA bombers stepped up their Cbristmas blitz in London on Thursday with twn explosions that wounded eight people. Reuters re-ported from London. The police mounted roadblocks across Britain

ments," Prime Minister John Ma-

jor of Britain, the summit meeting

host, said Thursday in a Scottish

It is true that many of the items

on the agenda seem divorced from

the Continent's most profound problems. Yet for all the apparent

trivia, the Edinburgh summit meeting is nonetheless being seen as a

crucial test of the Community's

ability to restore some of its lost spirit of cooperation at a time of

And whether the meeting ends up as a success or failure — even

within its own somewhat limited

goals - is a question, in the favor-

ite expression this week of EC dip-lomats, that is "balanced on a ra-

"The ghosts of Europe's past,

present, and future are all around

us this season," said David Roche,

chief European strategist for the investment firm Morgan Stanley

International in London. "Can

they be exorcised? I doubt it, but

the EC has to at least look like it is

EC leaders face a number of for-

midable tasks in the two days they

have set aside for high-level talks.

The most immediate job is to

bring Denmark back into the fold.

Britain, which has held the rotating

presidency of the Community dur-

ing the past six months, has been

searching for a formula acceptable

to all important political groups in

Copenhagen, as well as to the other

1 EC members, that would allow

the Danes to hold a second referen-

It is a delicate problem. A coali-

tion of governing and opposition parties in Denmark wants legally

binding guarantees that it will not

be compelled to take part in many of the new elements of the treaty.

These include currency union, de-

fense cooperation, common Euro-

pean citizenship and shared police

powers. Denmark is also leading

the demand that the Community

adopt procedures that would en-

courage the executives in Brussels to be less intrusive and more open

in its decision-making.
On the other side of the table,

Copenhagen's EC partners want to

avoid at all costs anything that

would introduce changes in the Maastricht agreement that would

require them to rewrite the treaty.

They also want to discourage na-

tions from being able to pick and

choose, à la carte, among the vari-

to Denmark and could, in no other

case, constitute a precedent" for

other countries applying to join the Community, Jean Musitelli,

spokesman for President François Mitterrand, said in Paris.

Exemptions should "apply only

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[The explosions damaged electri-cal and magazine shops in Wood its rule over Northern Ireland. Green shopping center in the north
of the city that had been partly
evacuated after an IRA warning. The blasts were in the same area of the city as Woodside Park station, where a bomb went off Wednesday night without causing any casual-

In the last several months, the. capital has been haunted not only by the bombs that have gone off — scores have been wounded and two killed in a series of small explosions since the summer - but also by the ones that have not.

In the last month alone, thanks both to luck and to keen surveillance, the police have intercepted three large bombs — homemade, fertilizer-based devices — stuffed into the backs of trucks and bound

for targets in central London. They were all close calls: A much smaller truck bomb that went off in London's financial district in April killed 3 people, wounded 85 and caused more than \$1 billion in damage, collapsing some buildings and blowing out thousands of win-

dows over nearly a square mile.

During a violent 20-year cam-

to Denmark's voters to decide next

year whether the Maastricht treaty

The situation in Copenhagen is

chaotic. One key opposition party in the national coalition walked out

of all-night talks early Thursday.

and the government may face a no-

confidence motion if it does not

come back from Edinburgh with a

The British Parliament, accord-

ing to Mr. Major, will not vote unless the Danes approve. Threats this week by Mr. Delors and Mr.

Mitterrand to leave Denmark and

Britain behind if they do not accept

the treaty appear to be little more

The second deep divide is be-

adamant, that want to keep Brus-

sels from loosening its purse strings

Spain, Portugal, Greece, and Ire-

land are insisting on a big increase in the funds that flow to less devel-

oped areas of the Community. Madrid promises to hold up talks aimed at bringing Austria, Sweden, Finland, and Norway into the

Community until an acceptable

seven-year budget package is

Britain offered more money on

Thursday to the four poorest EC

countries in an effort to set the

any future central bank.

agreement at the Lisbou summit

elements of the European Parlia-

ment in Strasbourg. Other institu-tions, from an environmental agen-

scattered throughout the Commu-nity. But the British government,

on the defensive because it has not

committed itself to monetary

Amid all the internal EC squab-

mostly downtrodden outsiders in

elamor at the gates cannot be ig-

Indeed. Robert Werner Fassla-

bend, Austria's defense minister.

recently warned that Europe's cur-

rent troubles may pale by compari-

son with the immense problems to come. He described a "zone of in-

stability like nothing in the past hundred years" that could well

stretch from the Baltic to the Black

■ Treaty Ratified in Lisbon

Portugal's single-chamber par-

liament voted overwhelmingly to approve ratification of the Maas-

frichl treaty on Thursday, Reuters reported from Lisbon. The vote

was timed for the eve of the EC

summit meeting in Edinburgh. The

vote was 200 in favor of ratification

and 21 against, with no absten-

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deter those trying to sneak bombs into the heart of the city and to reassure nervous citizens. Not everyone is entbusiastic about the strategy. Paul Condon, the incoming commissioner of the London police, warned recently EUROPE: Daunting Task for EC that turning London into a fortress would only disrupt normal life and play into the hands of the IRA. ers succeed in forging a compro-mise at Edinburgh, it will still be up

small, well-trained IRA cells have

detnnated scores of powerful

The IRA campaigns have pro-

voked far more anger and con-tempt than fear in Britain. But after

years of insisting that IRA violence

would never bend or break the es-sential rhythm of daily life in the

capital, there appears to be the

growing, if reluctant, acknowledg-

ment here that the IRA is making a

Part of it is the IRA's use of

tactics imported from the cam-paign in Northern Ireland: the de-

ployment of powerful truek bombs; the use of small incendiary

devices to start fires, and the hi-

jacking of a taxi driver who was

forced at gumpoint in October to drive n car bomb to the curb out-

side No. 10 Downing Street, where it exploded harmlessly about 10

It is a measure of the growing

apprehension here that this month the London police began to set up random roadblocks, intended to

minutes later.

dent in London's psyche.

bombs in England.

Insurers, stunned by billion-dollar-plus damages resulting from the April bombing in the financial district, say they cannot afford to cov-er another such incident. Instead, they want the government to pay for the bomb damage, as it already does in Northern Ireland.

For most people, the IRA's threats have already been absorbed into the existing rhythms of the city. Security alerts and delays as a result of bomb threats or suspect packages are as much a part of riding the Underground in London as traffic jams are to commuters in many other cities.

Protestant extremists from Northern Ireland damaged shops reflects public tastes and the estween the four poorer nations of in the Irish Republic with a series the Community, led by Spain and of firebomb attacks on Thursday, championed by Mr. Delors, and and said: "We will bring in 1993 several of the more affluent counwith a bang," Reuters reported tries, of which Britain is the most from Dublin.

Eight devices went off in Dublin and Dundalk near border with Northern Ireland. None caused serious damage, the police said. The Ulster Freedom Fighters, outlawed extremists fighting to keep North-ern Ireland British, took responsibility for planting the firebombs

and issued a list of towns where they said others had been planted.

stage for a budget deal at the summit meeting, Reuters reported from It's Arkansas (Continued from page 1) [But Spain immediately rejected tas, Arkansas, and works in New the plan as "not acceptable." The increase of 1.25 billion Ecus (\$1.55

York selling advertising for Vanity Fair magazine billion) fell about one billion Ecus short of what the four were de-During the 25 years she has bved

in New York, she said, there have been times "when I have told peo-Annther particularly contentious issue, which has bedeviled the ple that I came from Arkansas and they did not have a thing to say. Community for years, is striking a bargain over where to locate a host "Now you can't shut them up." of new EC institutions, including

She added that when people call and she says she met Mr. Clinton once "back when," il gets repeated as "you wen! to high school with Most members came close to an meeting in June that would put the Eurofed in Bonn and keep most

"And then," she added, "it gets down the line and comes back as So what was it like when you dated cy to a trademark office, would be

Skip Rutherford is finding that people return his phone calls a whole lot faster when he says he's from Little Rock.

union, does not want to give up on London as a base for the European As a director for Arkansas affairs with the transition team in Little Rock, Mr. Rutherford receives an avalanche of calls and bles, the plight of the millions of letters each day from people who want special consideration because Eastern and Central Europe has they claim links with the state. One been all-but-forgotten. But the letter that arrived last week began, "Mr. Rutherford, I know you are a busy man but my mother's friend used to live in Arkansas."

> Many say that the downpour of attention and accolades can only begin to make up for the derision and indifference that Arkansans have long had to endure.

> Mark Malone, a Little Rock nagreeting voters who would say, Oh, that's too bad," when be explained that be came from Arkan-

> "I started to get pretty defensive about some of the things that were said about Arkansas," said Mr.

## **Violence Simmers in India**

#### By Molly Moore

Washington Post Service
NEW DELHI -- Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha

breaks of rioting were reported. About 900 people have been killed in India since Sunday either by the police or in religious riots, according to official accounts, but unconfirmed re-

ports indicated that many more may have died. About 200 deaths were reported Thursday, including those of 14 train passengers in the western state of Gujarat, who were pulled from compartments and stabbed to death. Gujarat has been the scene of some of the worst

"There are some cities, parts of cities where violence continues," Mr. Rao said in his first television appearance to the nation since Sunday, when thousa Hindu extremists destroyed a mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya. The destruction of the mosque set off the country's worst violence since its postindepen-dence religious wars more than 40 years ago.

"We are coming out of this," Mr. Rao said. "I think the worst is behind us." Even so, the government airlifted military forces into eight states Thursday, including the city of Cal-

cutta, which suffered new outbreaks of violence. More than 1,400 army troops already had been ordered to city to enforce its curfew. A new round of rioting also officials are expected to lift curfews for the I P.M. broke out in the holy city of Vernasi on the Ganges prayer time. Muslims represent about 12 percent of

stock market opened briefly for the first time since last week, and a strike demanded by a fundamentalist Hindu political party was called off. Nonetheless, swaths of the city remain tense and

Rao said Thursday that the religious violence that has under curiew, and few people were willing to venture swept India for the past four days was subsiding. But the death toll continued to climb, and scattered outglass and were lined with shuttered stores and scores beyond their doorways. Streets glittered with broken glass and were lined with shuttered stores and scores of burned-out taxis.
Violence has also subsided in Bangladesh and Paki-

stan. In the past few days, Muslim rioters destroyed about 100 Hindu temples in the Karachi area alone in response to the Hindu attack on the 16th-century

Babri Mosque at Ayodhya.

On Thursday 25,000 Hindus and Muslims in the Bangladeshi capital of Dhaka linked hands to form an eight-mile human chain to condemn the demolition of the mosque. The demonstration snarled rush-hour traffic but was peaceful. The Indian government, in a move that could spur even more violence, issued a ban Thursday on the

most extremist parties of Hindu and Islamic fundamentalists. In addition, the leaders of the Hindu fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party were imprisoned after having been charged earlier this week with promoting the violence that led to the destruction of the Babri Mosque. The party was not among those banned by the government.

Many officials said they feared that serious out-

breaks of violence could be renewed Friday, the Mus-lim holy day, when tens of thousands gather to pray in Pakistani and Bangladeshi mosques and when Inc India's population.

## Across the country in Bombay, where at least 160 people have been killed and 1,000 injured since Sunday, the city was starting to return to normal. The largest mosque in New Delhi, told reporters Thursday. TEAM: Congress in Mind, Clinton Presents a Pragmatic Group of Economic Conservatives

### (Continued from page 1)

plan to stimulate the economy beedless of the consequences for inflation. Wall Street tive, remembers campaigning for has taken them in stride. Beyond these Mr. Clinton in the Northeast and choices both the form and function of the choices, both the form and function of the new team becomes less clear,

Mr. Rubin, an investment banker who runs Goldman Sachs & Co., will run the National Economie Council, the White House office that will coordinate conflicting departmental economic goals.

Mr. Clinton said the council would be Majone, a graduate student at the modeled on the National Security Council Hubert H. Humphrey Institute for that coordinated Cold War policy in the Public Affairs at the University of White House for two generations, Mr. Rubin Minnesota. "No one likes being said he would "coordinate, implement and called the lowest of the low." said he would "coordinate, implement and put into effect" Mr. Clinton's economic

policies working alongside Mr. Bentsen. A self-effacing but tough administrator who is co-chairman of Goldman, Sachs & Co., one of the world's most profitable investment houses, Mr. Rubin would seem to be an ideal choice, except that he has little experience in Washington's bureaucratic in-

Still undecided is not only the new council's role in international economic policy. but also the way it will be conducted by the new administration. In his campaign book "Putting People First," Mr. Clinton pledged to press Japan to stimulate its economy and lower its trade surplus, and "ensure that high German interest rates do not cripple growth throughout Europe."

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tions. Senior Washington economie representatives of several of these G-7 nations have privately expressed anxiety about whether international economic policy will be represented at a high enough level in the Treasury or elsewhere to have an impact on the president. They noted that Mr. Bentsen, for all his domestic political finesse, has little experience in international finance

Mr. Altman, named as deputy Treasury secretary, also is not well known on the international governmental circuit although policy? I don't think they have yet."

The main forum for this are the meetings of finance ministers of the Group of Seven industrialized democracies, where the Treating the Blackstone Group, a New York investsury is traditionally the lead agency in dealing with the other leading industrialized natant secretary for domestic finance during the Carter administration.

Those who have talked to Mr. Altman say he plans to concentrate on running the Treasury's daily operations,

Jeffrey Garten, a former State Department official and partner of Mr. Altman's, said Thursday he had no doubt of his former colleague's ability to learn the international ropes. But, he said, "the main question is: to what degree have they addressed the rela-tionship between domestic and international

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## TRANSITION / BUSH UNDER ATTACK

#### House Majority Passes Speech Cutoff Rule

WASHINGTON - In a move that outraged Republicans, the House Democratic majority has decided to limit televised afterhours speeches by members of Congress to three hours a day divided

equally between the two major parties.

The Democratic plan, which also would impose a 9 P.M. curiew on the previously unlimited "special orders" broadcast by the C-Span cable network, sailed through the party's cancus by a vote of 174 to 35.

Since the House has a lopsided Democratic majority of 258 to 176. the new rules were expected to be adopted when Congress convenes Jan. 5, despite the Republicans' protests that they would being deprived of a valuable forum to air minority views on national issues.

The issue has major political importance since the potential audience for the C-Span programming has been estimated at 60 million. The channel is carried on many cable television systems and transmits an assortment of floor speeches, government hearings and conferences unabridged. Under existing rules, each member of Congress may request to speak for as long as an hour after the class. Congress may request to speak for as long as an hour after the close of legislative business. At times, the "special orders" have continued of legislative business. At times, the "special orders have community all night up to the time the House convenes the next day. (LAT)

#### 4,500 Books Are Going to White House, Too

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - If there is still considerable uncertainty about the changes President-elect Bill Clinton intends to make after his inauguration on Jan. 21, at least one is now virtually carved in mahogany: There will be more bookshelves in the White House. The Chinions are avid and eclectic readers. President George Bush. by contrast, appeared in freeze when asked on television in 1984 to name a book he had recently read. Eventually, he mentioned "The Guns of August," by Barbara Tuchman, published 22 years earlier.

Ann McCoy, administrator of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, said that the Clintons' private library, together with about a dozen still unopened book boxes in the attic, numbered about 4,500

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Mickey Kantor, a member of the Clinton transition board, on the two-day televised conference of 300 economic leaders in Little Rock next week; "The process itself will be the product. It will be a defining moment. We will have everyone's attention, and therefore the whole nation will have a chance to connect to what is the most important issue: how to improve the economy."

#### **Away From Politics**

 Searchers found the bodies of seven men killed in a coal mine explosion in Norton, Virginia, but dangerous levels of methane gas forced them to withdraw before they could remove the bodies or find an eighth miner, who is believed also to have died.

· Workers at a laboratory that makes electronic circuits may have suffered brain damage from handling solvents in the 1980s, doctors said. At least six of 25 Sandia National Laboratories workers studied by Duke University Medical Center showed symptoms of hrain mage similar to those associated with solvent exposure, a doctor at the laboratory said. Their symptoms include memory loss and chronic beadaches, the study said.

• The New York City Board of Education has reinstated a local school board in the Borough of Queens that the schools chancellor, Joseph Fernandez, suspended for refusing to use a curriculum that includes lessons about homosexual parents. The board voted, 6 to 0, to lift the suspensions of Community School Board 24's nine members, but reaffirmed the chancellor's authority to supersede the local board if the two sides cannot come to terms. It urged both sides

to seek the help of a mediator. The nation is well on its way to meeting goals for recycling waste paper, but may be reaching its saturation point, according to the paper industry's main trade group. The American Paper Institute said the industry is near its goal of salvaging 40 percent of waste paper for recycling, three years ahead of schedule. But as industry recycles more it becomes more expensive to senarate useful paper. recycles more, it becomes more expensive to separate useful paper from trash, the group said.

 Black special agents in the Los Angeles district of the lumnigration and Naturalization Service have accused the agency of racial dispination of "epidemic proportions." In a written complaint filed with the Justice Department, the agents charge that regional officials, especially those in the Los Angeles office, have systematically refused to promote blacks to supervisory positions. They also complain that white supervisors have harassed blacks.

 A federal court has awarded \$3.5 million to the family of a 22-year-old Fort Lauderdale, Florida, man who suffered severe brain damage in an adverse reaction to a routine childhood vaccination for dipotheria, whooping cough and tetanus.

• The 7.1-magnitude quake that struck California in April gave rise to small tsunami as far away as Alaska and Hawaii, the only recorded tidal waves generated by a California quake in this century, scientists said Wednesday. Scientists said that the observations suggest that tidal waves could be a bigger hazard of offshore California quakes than had been previously thought.

 Baby walkers can be fatal and should be banned, the American Medical Association said. The wheeled devices, which allow babies to propel themselves with their feet before they can walk, were nsible for six deaths in the United States between 1989 and 1991, the association said. AFP, LAT, AP, WP, UPI

## Democrats See Cover-Up in Decision on Iraq Loan Inquiry

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches WASHINGTON - Congressional Democrats denounced as a cover-up on Thursday a Bush administration decision not to appoint an independent prosecutor to investigate alleged wrongdoing in bank loans to Iraq.

It is now up to the Clinton adninistration to sort out the truth, the legislators said.

Attorney General William P. Barr, an opponent of the post-Watergate law authorizing independent prosecutors, declined to seek. appointment of a prosecutor, agreeing with a recommendation of a special counsel whom he had hired to review the case.

The counsel, Frederick B. Lacey, a retired federal judge, concluded on Wednesday that the evidence in the case of \$5.5 billion in loans to lraq through the Atlanta branch of an Italian bank, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, did not call for an independent prosecutor.

In response, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Jack Brooks, Democrat of Texas, accused the Bush administration of a "stonewalling refusal" to permit an independent inquiry.

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Joseph R. Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, said, "I am deeply concerned." He added that the appointment of an independent prosecutor was necessar to reassure the American public "of the integrity of the agencies responsible for their security and for en-forcement of our laws."

And the chairman of the House Banking Committee, Henry B. Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, called the decision part of an ongoing cover-up and vowed to continne his committee's investigation.

But Mr. Barr asserted that the Justice Department had acted properly in every aspect of the po-litically contentious case, and said



The singers Judy Collins and Earl Taylor performing "Amazing Grace" at a dinner put on by the Democratic Leadership Council in Washington as Vice President-elect Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, and President-elect Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, joined in.

Wednesday, Judge Lacey, who is also a former prosecutor, dismissed as "nonsense" accusations that resign but that several minor mat-U.S. prosecutors had stifled a full investigation of the loans. tinue to be put
"Had there been any corruption Department."

bere, I would have smelled it and

At a news conference on issue alive long after President

ters under investigation would con-tinue to be pursued by the Justice
Department.

nal inquiries into the bank case.

"Many decent people bave had
their careers tarnished and their

he announced his decision, Judge charged with corrupt, being part of Mr. Barr's decision was the Bush Lacey, a Republican, bristled at a cover-up," said the judge. These administration's last attempt to bring the bank scandal to a close, tiality and thoroughness. He have been taken in by them."

he fully agreed with Judge Lacey's although there are other investiga-findings. although there are other investiga-tions under way that will keep the porting as fact what he called the unbridled attacks of a legislator."

At the news conference at which reputations stained by being

there was no evidence of any criminal wrongdoing, he did not rule out the possibility that someone may have tried to slow down the prosecution, hinting that the Agriculture Department may have tried to interfere in the case to enable the Bush administration to extend \$1

to Iraq in the fall of 1989. He also faulted both the Justice dling classified documents related

that suggested, when the papers were made public in September. that both agencies might have overlooked or hidden evidence- of

wrongdoing. The report depicts a tense. monthslong lug of war between se-nior Justice Department officials

and U.S. prosecutors in Atlanta. The prosecution team became convinced that the bank's senior officials in Rome had been ignarant of the fraud. But officials at headquarters were skeptical that such a huge fraud could have been committed without them learning about it.

The recommendations by Judge Lacey allowed Mr. Barr to assert Wednesday that his own findings were vindicated.

But far from settling the issue. Mr. Barr's decision is certain to renew the uproar over charges that the administration quashed a thorough investigation of the bank, fearing disclosure of the administration's policy of aiding Iraq before the Gulf War.

Because the report deals narrowly with the issues surrounding the Atlanta case, many of the critical questions about U.S. policies toward Iraq remain unanswered.

Some congressional committees are investigating whether the government used a network of compames, some financed by the Atlanta bank, as conduits for illegal arms

Some lawmakers have said that despite investigations around the country, none of the companies have ever been charged with violat-

ing export laws.

The new attorney general to be

appointed by President-elect Buil Clinton could reverse Mr. Barr's billion in credits for farm products

But that would require reauthorization of the independent course Department and the CIA for han-statute, which expires on Tuesday

#### Economic Talks To Get TV Time, Host Is Clinton

New York Times Service LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton will serve next week as the moderator of 12 hours of nationally televised talks here on the economy that will be attended by about 300 corporate executives, small-businessmen and

economists. What was originally conceived as a two-day gathering of 25 to 30 people to help form economic policy has ballooned into a full-blown spectacle to be telecast live on C-SPAN, with large chunks also being broadcast by the CNN cable news station and the three major

TV networks. Clinton aides said that the conference, on Monday and Tuesday, will cover such subjects as trade, training and how to deal with federal debt and deficit.

The thrust of the discussions will be remarks by Mr. Clinton and other participants detailing how they think the economy got to its present state and bow best to get

Participants will include John H. Bryan, ebairman of Sara Lee Corp.; Michael Walsh, chairman o Tenneco Inc.; Sheryl L. Handler, founder of the Thinking Machines Corp.; Gordon E. Moore, chairman of Intel Corp.; John Sculley chairman of Apple Computer Inc.; Paul A. Allaire, chairman of the Xerox Corp., and Cathleen Piper, owner of the Piper Flower Shop in Yankton, South Dakota, "I'm a lit-tle intimidated," she said.



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## **Packwood Apologizes** For Wrong'

WASHINGTON - Senator Bob Packwood said Thursday that he was wrong to pressure female employees with unwelcome sexual advances, but that he would try to earn back the voters' respect rather

"What I did was not just stupid or boorish," Mr. Packwood, an Or-egon Democrat, said at a news conference. "My actions were just "I just didn't get it. I do now," he said, adding that he would seek

professional counseling if neces-Mr. Packwood called the news conference, his first public appearance in the two weeks since former female employees and associates accused him of making unwelcome advances during his 24-year career. Oregon Democrats and women's

vood's resignation. He said that he would cooperate fully with the Senate ethics committee, which has begun a preliminary inquiry into the allegations. But he added that he planned to

groups have called for Mr. Pack-

remain in the Senate. "I am here to take full responsibility for my conduct," he said. "I will not debate the recent accounts of my actions toward my staff and those who worked with my office. The important point is that my actions were unwelcome and insensitive. These women were offended,

and I am truly sorry."

Mr. Packwood said he had been a leading advocate of women's rights and had been instrumental in moving women into congressional positions of anthority.



THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSMAGAZINE

## Yeltsin, Blocked by Deputies, Chose All-or-Nothing Gamble

By Margaret Shapiro and Fred Hiatt

Washington Past Service

MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin, whose political career has been built on unpredictable gambles, took one of the biggest of his life Thursday in an effort to finally resolve a question left hanging since the August 1991 coup: who will lead Russia.

Mr. Yeltsin's call for Russian voters to choose between him and the conservative legislature may have opened the door to new elections both for his post and for the legislature in the near future. It most likely opened the door to a new period of turnult that will sap energy from economic reform. And there is no

#### **NEWS ANALYSIS**

guarantee that Mr. Yeltsin and his reforms, already battered by votes in this week's Congress, will win in

But the president, after months of hesitation, seemed finally in have decided that the risks of doing nothing as the legislature gradually usurped his authority were greater. Mr. Yeltsin seems willing to gamble his fading popularity in order to avoid the fate of his rival, the last Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorba-chev, who saw his power slowly chipped away as be

For Russia and the West, the stakes could be even higher. After months of seeking compromise, Mr. Yeltsin has now pinned his future on a vision of Russia open to the West, reducing its military might and building a free-market democracy.

For some of his opponents, that is a vision of treason. Even the moderate opposition within the Congress favors a centrally planned economy and a warier approach to America and the West.

Where Russia's already weary population will come down in this battle, if it is asked to vote, is a question no one can answer. Polls show that Mr. Yeltsin remains the nation's most popular leader, and that few Russians want a return to the past. The Congress of People's Deputies, elected before the Soviet Union's dissolution, is unquestionably more conservative than the nation at large.

But with millions of ordinary people struggling to feed their children and millions more fearing unemployment as Russia's vast armaments and other heavy industries face trouble, nationalist and populist critics of Mr. Yeltsin could widen their appeal. And with crime and corruption growing in a society that was until recently predictable if nothing else, many Russians profess themselves disgusted with the political

"Yeltsin belps the rich get richer, and then he turns to us workers when be needs help himself," said one pressman at a car assembly plant which the president

But most of the workers assembling lime-green hatchback Moskvich cars expressed understanding of the hardships the country faces and voiced support for Mr. Yeltsin's recipe for gradual recovery.

"It's very tough for us right now, but Yeltsin is going in the right direction," said Antonina, a stamp-machine operator. "Just like in America, we face a long road to prosperity. We need patience, and the deputies don't understand that."

In the aftermath of the failed hard-line coup, Mr. Yeltsin, the country's first democratically elected leader, was its dominant political force, with the authority to guide the country out of the ruins of communism. But from the beginning, it was clear that he was trying to lay the foundation of a new democracy and freemarket economic policies in the soft, muddy soil of a constitution and legislature left over from the old Soviet era.

For a year, Mr. Yeltsin, 61, tried to work with the conservative legislature, dominated by former Communists leery of the move to a free market. The president and his government, led by Yegor T. Gaidar, 36, an economist, freed prices and began to privatize state-owned property, while the legislature complained and interfered.

But in the session of Congress that began last week, legislators struck at the heart of the reforms — the cabinet and Mr. Yeltsin's constitutional authority. Mr. Yeltsin responded by calling for the referendum that be and the Congress had in the past maneuvered

The risks of a referendum, both to Mr. Yeltsin and to the reforms, are huge at a time of instability and sharp economic depression. Mr. Yeltsin's popularity will dim as the toughest parts of his reform effort closing down bankrupt state enterprises - begin to hit in coming months.

Determined until now to remain above the fray, Mr. Yelisin created so political party of his own, and his power in outlying regions, where former Communist officials remain in place, is uncertain.

Meanwhile, democratic forces, once united behind Mr. Yeltsin in firm opposition to the Communists, now are fractured into many camps, not all of which would support him in a referendum. Mr. Yeltsin's own vice president, Alexander V. Rutskoi, for instance, made clear Thursday that be opposed Mr. Yeltsin's

Anatoli Shabad, a liberal deputy, said, "The risk is that a Congress which we elect in place of this one will Moreover, many Yeltsin advisers fear that Russia's

huge autonomous republics would use any referen-

But all those risks were ontweighed by Mr. Yeltsin's fear that his power would be chipped away, as with Mr. Gorbachev, which would lead to total stalemate. His supporters hope that a growing business class, a younger generation eager for swift change and a work

force benefiting from privatization will step forward if a vote takes place. "I never came to a rally before," said Alexei Nikitin,

25, a college graduate now looking for a job in the sion on what the Security Council private sector who joined a pro-Yeltsin demonstration near Red Square. But I had to come today. If Yeltsin loses, it will be the end of all my expectations."

## **UN Orders** Serbs to Halt Attack In Sarajevo

By Paul Lewis

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The Security Council has moved a step closer to ordering new military action to protect Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, warning Serbian forces to cease their attacks against the capital, Sarajovo, or face "further measures" to be taken as soon as possible,

The statement, issued Wednes-day by the council, reflected meanbers' growing concern that the Serbs may now have set their sights

on seizing Sarajevo.

The council expressed alarm at the renewed Serbian offensive in Bosnia-Herzegovina, particularly against Sarajevo, saying it threat-ens "international peace and secu-nity" and could thus merit military intervention under the UN Char-

It demanded an immediate cessation of such attacks and said that if the Serbs do not comply it will "consider as soon as possible further measures against those who

commit or support them."

The most likely first step, diplomats said, would be a decision to enforce the ban on military flights over Bosnia-Herzegovine, which the Serbian forces have violated hundreds of times.

Other options include sending more troops into Bosnia to secure havens for Muslim refugees and air strikes against Serbian military targets to increase the cost of their continuing military campaign.

The UN mediator in Bosnia-

Herzegovina, the former U.S secretary of state, Cyrus R. Vance, has already told the Bush administration that the UN should now consider authorizing new military action, diplomats said. But it was unclear whether he has also made this recommendation to Warren M. Christopher, the head of the Clinton transition team and his former

deputy at the State Department. Diplomats said any final deciwill do next about Bosnia and Her-



More than a million Greeks taking part Thursday in a rally in Athens to demand that the EC refuse to recognize the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia. Greece wants the EC to withhold recognition of the republic, which is on its northern border, until it drops "Macedonia" from its name. Athens says the name will be used to pursue territorial ambitions against Greece's own Macedonia region.

An Election Showdown Looms in Serbia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
BELGRADE — Prime Minister Milan Panic
on Thursday finally joined the list of candidates
challenging Serbia's nationalist leader, Slobodan Milosevic, launching an election fight that
is likely to determine the future of the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Mr. Panie, a Belgrade-born U.S. millionaire, is seen as the best hope of ousting Mr. Milosevic, whose stannch nationalist policies are wideseen as the main cause of bloodshed in Croatia and Bosnia.

The Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, wracked by several days of heavy fighting, experienced a relative bull on Thursday. But the specter of winter looms large over hundreds of thousands of people trapped, made homeless or deprived of international relief by the fighting.

Snowfall around the city on Thursday in-creased the urgency of replenishing food sup-plies exhausted since the suspension of an international airlift a week ago because of fighting. Any hopes for a political change that could bring peace to the region are pinned on the Dec.

"The key is the election in Serbia this month," said Stiepan Siber, a Croatian deputy commander of the Bosnian Army. "If Milosevic loses, the whole idea of a 'greater Serbia' will

die and all support for the Chetnik forces in Bosnia will be gone." Chetnik is a name for the Serbian extremists.

Mr. Panic made it onto the list of seven

candidates after a week of uncertainty and legal wrangling over whether he had the necessary residency qualifications. Now, with elections less than 10 days away.

he has little time to campaign, particularly since Mr. Milosevic has state television firmly under

But Mr. Panic's bid to oust Mr. Milosevic has received a major boost from Serbia's largest opposition party, the Scrbian Renaissance Movement, and the backing of its popular lead-cr, Vuk Draskovic, Mr. Draskovic withdrew from the Dec. 20 election to support Mr. Panic. In Sarajevo on Thursday, hungry people hung on the gates of the one operating bakery, hoping in vain that bread production would resume. But with no flour delivery and bitle diesel fuel, the one functioning production line could only produce about 25,000 18-inch (46-centimeter) loaves, destined for hospitals and refugees. Sarajevo now has a population of just

under 400,000. "The basic food now is bread," said Husein Ahmovic, assistant manager at the factory. "Without it, it's starvation."

Bread was not the only basic missing Thursday, Main transmission lines were severed, and there was no electricity for the fourth day in a row. That also knocked out power to run water

pumps and the telephone system. Larry Hollingworth, head of the Sarajevo office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said there was no food left in warehouses. "Everything I've got, they've got," he said. "It goes within minutes." (Reuters, AP)

■ NATO Remains Wary

NATO allies said Thursday that they re-mained reluctant to take risky military action desplte the growing danger that the conflict could spread through the Balkans, Reuters reported from Brussels.

The NATO secretary-general, Manfred Worner, told alliance defense ministers that the simution was increasingly dangerous. The min-isters discussed possible plans to belp to contain the fighting, ranging from sending more peacekeeping troops to air strikes. But no decisions were reached.

Some countries, like the Netherlands and Parkey, pressed for more UN action, but officials said there was little enthusiasm for taking measures that could endanger Western troops escorting humanitarian aid convoys in Bosnia

### RUSSIA: Referendum Sought

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offered to mediate talks and said

Vice President Alexander V. Rutskoi, who has accused the Gai-dar government of sacrificing the interests of millions of ordinary chanted "Down with Khasbula-Russians to abstract economic the- tev!" and waved the Russian tricolcry, also called for a "political com-or. Less than 50 yards away, antiand Congress. He told deputies that he had tried to dissuade Mr. Yeltsin from making his speech, which he said had brought society to the verge of "civil confronta-

"It is time to put an end to the slogan that the government likes so much —either us or communism." said Mr. Rutskoi, one of the leaders of the centrist Civic Union faction. Everybody here is in favor of reform. The question is how reform is being implemented.

Stunned by Mr. Yeltsin's attack. which be had evidently not been expecting, Mr. Khashulatov first announced his resignation as speaker and left the hall. A half hour later he was persuaded to change his mind and received a standing ovation from the deputies some kind of emergency rule.

offered to mediate talks and said that he might be forced to examine the legality of actions by both Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Khasbulatov.

As the deputies left the Kremlin this evening, the police beld back thousands of supporters and opponents of Mr. Yeltsin behind barriers. The pro-Yeltsin crowd, gath-

> "Down with the capitalist minis-The decision to bypass the parliament and call for a referendum represents a victory for a group of radical presidential advisers headed by Gennadi Burbulis, a former Marxism-Leninism professor who ran Mr. Yeltsin's election campaign last year. Several other advisers, including the powerful head of the Mr. Yeltsin's National Security Council, Yuri Skokov, have subtly

> Although both sides insisted that the crisis be resolved by political means, some deputies say they be-

> distanced themselves from the de-

## **Bush Offers Ukraine Cash** If It Dumps Nuclear Arms

WASHINGTON -- President George Bush has written to President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine offering U.S. political and financial backing if his country becomes one without nuclear weapons, an issue the Ukrainian parliament is due to decide next week.

Red Soviet flag and chanted on Ukrainian soil. The funds would be available, Mr. Bush's letter noted, only if Ukraine ratifies the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and agrees to be a nonnucle-

ar weapons state under a protocol to the START-1 treaty, which was originally negotiated by the United States and the Soviet Union. The money provided to Ukraine would be drawn from an \$800 million fund sponsored by Mr. Lugar and Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of Georgia, to assist the states of the former Soviet Union in climinating their nuclear

going to set an example for others, one way or another." Arms-control experts said ratification of the agreements would encourage disarmament by Russia, Belarus and Khazakhstan, the three other

former Soviet states with nuclear weapons on their soil. Conversely, Ukraine's failure to ratify the agreements would complicate the disarma-

By Ferdinand Protzman Senator Richard G. Lugar, Republican of Indiana, said that Mr. Bush's letter, sent Saturday, offered \$175 million in U.S. funds to assist in the New York Times Service BONN - The German government stepped

Mr. Nunn, who joined Mr. Lugar in a meeting with Mr. Bush on Wednesday, said it was "very important" that Ukrame ratify the Nuclear Nouproliferation Treaty and the START-2 treaty because its action "is

Mr. Lugar quoted Mr. Bush as saying that security assurances for Ukraine, which have been among the main demands of Ukrainian legislators worried about giving up their nuclear weapons, are under discussion in the U.S. and Russian governments.

## Bonn Raids Rightists and Bans 2d Party

on its assault on rightist extremism on Thursday, bearing a second neo-Nazi party and beginning a wave of house searches and arrests. in a rare display of solidarity, meanwhile, Germany's parliamentary leaders closed ranks to condemn escalating rightist violence against

Those actions coincided with a speech by Chancellor Helmut Kohl that began a parlia-mentary debate on the violence. Mr. Kohl took his toughest stand so far, saying Germany had a moral duty imposed by its Nazi past to act against rightist extremists responsible for the

rolence against foreigners.

He promised "no leniency" for the perpetra-

The chancellor said there had been more than 2,000 attacks this year on foreigners and than 2,000 attacks this year on foreigners and Jewish memorials in Germany. The attacks have killed 17 people, eight of them foreigners. "We are all winesses to a terrifying increase in violence in our country," Mr. Kohl said. He cited the deaths of the three Turks, including a 10-year-old girl, living in the West German town of Mölin, in a firebombing by rightist extremists in late November as a chilling example of the violence that has badly tarnished. ple of the violence that has badly tarnished Germany's international image and become the overriding concern of most people living in

Germany.

"Whoever thinks they can change our land with a climate of intimidation and fear, they are fooling themselves." Mr. Kohl said. "Germany is a democracy that can defend Itself, and we

The government quickly backed those words

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presidency of Somalia by Mr. Ali Mahdi, is nominally in charge of many of the gun wagons terrorizing

and killing in the city of Baidoa, in

the country's famine belt. For a year, the two men have rejected UN attempts to organize national

In Mogadishu, Marines found a large arms cache, including a re-

coilless rifle, heavy machine guns and 40,000 rounds of ammunition,

in the six-story mansion of General Aidid's financier, Osman Ato, after

they were fired at from the build-

ing. They did not remove any of the

bus. It was the second neo-Nazi party to be banned. On Nov. 27, Interior Minister Rudolf Sciters banned a group called the Nationalist

Answering critics who have accused him of playing down the violence in an attempt to woo rightist voters, Mr. Kohl said that Germany's story had given it an enduring obligation to battle extremism from the left or right

"With the background of history in this century, especially the National Socialist dictatorship, we Germans are in a very special way called upon to stand up against any kind of violence and guarantee human dignity," he

"We extend special solidarity to all people of the Jewish faith. This is what we, and future generations in Germany, owe to the memory of the victims of National Socialism."

Some Germans, including Ignaz Bubis, the leader of Germany's Jewish community, have suggested that the government's actions are prompted not by humane concern but by fears that the country's image and its export-oriented economy could be severely damaged if the

violence is not brought under control. "There might be some truth in that, but not the whole truth," said Werner Hoyer, the par-liamentary whip of the Free Democratic Party, the junior partner in Mr. Kohl's conservative coalition. "We are taking this thing seriously

and we are going to solve it.

The scope of the action on Thursday surpassed previous efforts to suppress the neo-Nazis, Hundreds of police raided more than 40 of German Alternative's offices and dozens of

hips bovered around the build-

ing, with noses pointed down and machine guns and missiles pointed

out, in a clear show of force against

Captain Greg Horton, a Marine

ported gunfire heard late Wednes-

day near the U.S. Embassy compound, where Marines are biv-

macked. It was not clear whether

the fire was directed at the embas-

by banning German Alternative, a neo-Nazi party based in Western Germany but with a stronghold in the East German town of Cott-nounced that he had banned the party for inciting racial hatred and seeking to restore Nazism. Propaganda materials and crude,

> "The disgusting work of these rabble-rousers must be stopped," Mr. Seiters said in a statement. "This neo-Nazi organization has 350 members and is very active in East Germany. German Alternative pursues its anti-constitutional goals in an aggressive, fighting way. In the party program are parallels to the 25-point program of the Nazi party of 1920."

handmade weapons were seized.

Frank Hübner, the party's charismatic, 27year-old chairman, was detained in Cottbus, but then released, a police spokesman in Cott-

One party member was arrested in the town of Hoyerswerda for an attack on a pizzeria in which the Italian owner was badly beaten. The party member was not identified.

Resignation Over Flag Is Accepted Daimler-Benz AG said Thursday it had accepted the resignation of an executive who set off a dispute by flying Germany's former impe-rial war flag at his home, Reuters reported from

Karl Dersch, international marketing director on the management board of the Daimler unit Deutsche Aerospace AG offered his resig-nation on Dec. 2. Earlier, the weekly magazine Der Spiegel reported that Mr. Dersch had flown the World War f battle flag of the Imperial Navy for years at his home in Munich.

The flag is now a favorite symbol of German

## **ASIAN**

Giving Giant Pandas More Room to Roam China has asked for interna-

tional help in raising \$52 million for a decadelong project to save the giant panda's natural habitat. the official Xinhua press agency The Forestry Ministry plans new reserves covering more than 4.000 square kilometers (1,540

square miles) in give the endangered species more room to feed and breed.

Around Asia Only about 1,000 giant pandas Tokyo, on the other hand,

remain in the wild; agriculture and logging have cut their range by half in the past 15 years. Beijing's panda project will in-volve resettling about 5,000 farmers and 18 logging companies in the south-central provinces of Sichuan, Shaanxi and Gansu so that existing nature reserves can be linked with new ones.

"This will not only make the giant panda habitats safe for the giant panda, but also give similar aid to other rare animals in the same regions, such as the golden monkey, the red panda and the South China tiger, which are also some of the rarest animals in China." Xinhua said.

would like to get rid of its crows. The big, black, noisy birds break open garbage bags and scatter the contents, awaken people with their cawing and befoul the land-scape. Koichi Karasawa, director of the Japan Bird Society, says the crow population has in-creased 40 percent in five years.

Except for putting garbage out at the last minute, nobody has produced a viable plan for reversing this population explosion. Scarecrows don't work, and loud-CTOWS are.

speakers are noisier than the The big black birds, with 20-inch (5f-centimeter) wing-

spreads, aren't all bad; They have

Singapore, where low birth rates have spurred fertility campaigns and government-run matchmaking is now haunted by an increase in the divorce rate. Divorces hit a record 4,419 last

year, up 70 percent from 1986. Officials attribute the rise to wr banization, better education and higher expectations. A booming economy already has brought in more than 200,000 foreign work-

Singapore's fertility rate fell to f.73 last year, well below the normal replacement rate of 2.1, despite incentives like tax breaks for families with more than two chil-

Arthur Highee

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ward Somalia. Four C-160 transport planes carrying French para-troops also touched down at the bombed-out airport on Thursday, and two chartered Boeing 747s will bring in more U.S. troops Friday,

helicopter pilot who flew patrols over the city Wednesday, said be saw flashes of gunfire but did not UN officials said.
Only about 1,000 Marines and 100 French troops have landed, but the clatter of helicopters and the know the target. A Marine spokes-man, Colonel Fred Peck, also retroops' presence at checkpoints was meant to give residents the impression of a much larger force, UN officials said.

The property of the pro A stream of C-5 and C-141 cargo

aircraft landed at the airport from Germany on Thursday, bringing equipment to supply the terminal with electricity, communications and water. Crowds of curious Somalis flocked around soldiers. Thousands followed the sand-colored U.S. Marine armored vehicles as they headed toward the old em-

bassy on the city's outskirts. The Marines were to have ridden shotgun Thursday for food trucks moving into Mogadishn's northern section. It would have been a first test of their humanitarian mission, but rains forced postponement of

the convoy until Friday.

On Saturday, the Marines face what could be their toughest job: taking Baidoa. They are to escort a convoy of food trucks there from Mogadishu, a distance of 325 kilo-meters (200 miles), officials said

Aid workers were impatient for troops to be sent to Baidoa and Kismayu after further factional fighting and the nearly daily intimi-

SOMALIA: 2 Somalis Die in Firefight With French Troops at Checkpoint

dation of foreign relief staff.
Around 70 people have been killed in Baidoa in recent days.

"We are hoping the Marines will move in very quickly," said Cynthia Osterman of the CARE agency. "Our people are very scared."

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"The U.S. military involvement will be limited, but troops will liaise with the UN with a view to establishing some form of governmental

by Somali gunmen — was spotted

authority. "This will take between 6 and 12 months. But how it will work out will be agreed on after all members of the multinational force arrive." "After the humanitarian effort of getting food to those who need it, they will take the role of peace-keepers," Mr. Cohen said of the

troops. The military operation is limited in time, but I can't say how long. It may be a matter of a few

Jordanian King Flies to U.S.

AMMAN — King Hussein, 57, piloting his own plane, flew to the United States for his first full medical checken. cal checkup since undergoing cancer surgery four months ago. Palace officials said he was expected at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesona, Thursday evening.

(Reuters, AP)

## Where Famine Hurt The Most, Hope Is To Eliminate Guns

By Jane Perlez New York Times Service

BAIDOA. Somalia - As this epicenter of the Somali famine awaits U.S. troops to move in from the capital, the focus of hope has moved from the provision of food to the removal of guns.

Armed gammen flushed from

logadishu by the arrival of the Americans have terrorized this town 260 kilometers (160 miles) west of the capital, speeding through the streets in their vehicles and looting food. Local people, more afraid than usual, said food was of secondary importance. They

wanted the guns confiscated.
"I'm very nervous," said Adan
Ahmed Isaak, a field officer for the Anmed Isaak, a near owner to the Somali Red Crescent Society. "The Americans made a big mistake by coming only to Mogadishu instead of coming to the whole country. Atwhat time will they come here?
They are so late. If they don't come soon, we will be in big trouble."

After solidifying their position in Mogadishu, which will become the

command and supply center for the aid mission, U.S. troops are likely to arrive here in the next few days. They will find a town where most people look remarkably better than the barely moving skeletons of six months ago, but also a place that

has plenty of despair.

Tens of thousands of people have died since the famine hit here earlier this year. So many children have perished that youngsters un-der 5 are rare in Baidoa. About 30,000 people are still dependent on food handnuts even though the surrounding countryside is now green after heavy rains and in some

places is sprouting maize. Perhaps more than anywhere in Somalia, Baidoa has symbolized the deadly combination of hunger and guns. Last month, a convoy of 400 tons of grain was looted just ontside town; since then food has been flown but not trucked into

On Wednesday, a truck of the Somali Red Crescent picked up the bodies of 65 people who had died overnight of disease and hunger, 44 of these adults as a superior of the control of the co of them adults. Every day, more than 50 bodies are gathered and

Such figures, a huge improve-ment compared with the more than 300 who were dying daily in September, enrage Mr. Isaak, who blames the death rate on the armed

"Today the first meal at our kitchens went O.K.," he said, "But we couldn't give the second meal because of the gunmen. We couldn't get food out of the ware-

About half a dozen armed vehicles known as technicals blockaded the food warehouse of the International Committee of the Red Cross on Thursday morning, preventing workers from transporting beans, rice and oil to the kitchens, Mr.

By midafternoon, the vehicles moved off from the dilapidated warehouse on the edge of town.

probably to enjoy their afternoon chewing of khat, the leaf narcotic that is common in Somalia, before returning to town for an evening of

In a 24-hour period this week, 64 Somalis died in gun battles in Baidoa, according to aid workers.

Mr. Isaak said he heard shooting in town Wednesday night as gunmen appeared to be on a last rampage before the U.S. troops came. The danger has become so intense that almost all foreign aid workers have left Baidoa. "They are afraid of this moment before the American troops come,' said Mr. Isaak.

Even the Red Cross, always re-luctant to evacuate its staff, flew four of its personnel staff of Baidoa on Dec. 4, leaving only three be-hind. On Thursday, the four-wheel-drive cars of Western aid organizadrive cars of Western aid organiza-tions were full of Somali staff, but no foreign aid workers could be seen. The aid agency compounds appeared empty, and a few kilome-ters out of town a feeding center with the sign World Vision, the U.S. aid agency, looked deserted.

Word had started to spread around the marketplace - filled with barrows of fruit and sacks of stolen international aid grain that the Americans were coming. "We don't mind if they come, said Abdullah Ali, a hotel worker, his lips tinged green from chewing

"They should come and mai peace and take away the guns," he said. "I will give my gun to them and hope to get some money. I hope to get \$100 and make some business from it."

It seemed unlikely that Mr. Ali would get money. Farther down the road toward Mogadishu, U.S. troops had already collected guns at the airstrip of Balidoogli, 100 kilometers west of the capital. On their first move out of Mogadishn since arriving, the Americans se-cured Balidoogli's airstrip, and in so doing confiscated weapons from local fighters camped there.

"They told us that if we took our guns to the airport in the morning they would welcome us," said a boy at a tea shop at a town adjacent to the airstrip. "If we don't bring them, they said they would use helicopters to hunt down the technicals and the weapons. The community has promised to take the weapons to the Americans tomorrow morn-

#### Japan Weighs Role in Somalia

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It was the first time the Japane ness to directly take part in UI Kato did not mention the possibili-



A French Foreign Legionnaire after confiscating a weapon from a Mogadishn driver on Thursday.

## Marines Find Surrealistic City Not in Any War-Games Script

By Barton Gellman

MOGADISHU, Somalia -- Maybe 15 feet from four freshly dug graves, the ruins of a courtyard held an extinguished cooking fire. Two donkey skulls gaped from the ashes, amid fragments of charred skin

The three Marines of Tango 10, a lightly armored vehicle, stepped gingerly over the carnage, then still more gingerly up bombed-out cinder-block stairs. At the top of a three-story building that war had destroyed before anyone could finish constructing it,

they found a panoramic view of no-man's-land. Tango 10 had been assigned to help push the U.S. security perimeter north and west to the high ground over Mogadishu's airport.

But getting there, and deciding what to do with it once they had it, threw two 21-year-old corporals and a 19-year-old private first class into a world for which

experience had not prepared them. Not that the Marine Corps hadn't done its best. There is a war-games set that looks a bit like this at Camp Pendleton, California. The Marines there call it Combat Town, and they practice assaulting it in

training for urban warfare. But Tango 10 was a long way from Pendleton. With other Marines assigned to the rooftop, Tango 10 controlled an intersection of two dirt roads adjacent to the building

Lance Corporal Harry Marshall, 21, tried to train his hand-held missile down the main avenue of approach, but he said he felt faintly ridiculous about it. If there was any threat to his position, it wasn't the kind that needs a missile capable of melting a tank.

Crowds of children arrived immediately and stayed. Spotting a Winnie the Pooh T-shirt on a 5-year-old. Corporal Jeffrey Mann called, "Winnie!" and was rewarded with a shy smile.

More aggressive children pressed forward, reaching and touching and asking for food and gifts.

By the seat of Tango 10's senior man, Corporal Jeff
Eichers, 21, a 7-year-old held court for his peers,

pointing to the Marine's grenade launcher and accurately mining its use and sound effects.

A tiny girl, perhaps 4, sucked an empty plastic spoon for nearly an hour.

Prickly pear, assorted bones, bits of plastic and rusted cans baked brittle as chalk by the equatorial sun were scattered as far as the eye could see. As morning wore on to afternoon, older boys and

young men began strolling by, conspicuously sizing up the Marines. Few of them smiled.

But none carried weapons, which would have forced a confrontation.

Despite official protestations that they have no general disarmament mission, the Marines are forcibly taking weapons from all who carry them in a sector controlled by U.S. troops.

The troops are authorized in their rules of engagement in use any means necessary to seize weapons, including preemptive fire if a Somali gunman disengages his weapon's safety catch or starts to point it in

In dozens of checkpoint incidents, gun bearers have been confronted with superior force, forced to the ground, searched, disarmed, sometimes bound with astic "flexi-cuffs" and then cut loose and released.

The rules of engagement, which U.S. military spokesmen decline to discuss officially, treat Somalis bearing weapons such as mortars and heavy machine guns even more harshly. U.S. troops are explicitly authorized — though not instructed — to open fire preemptively on such weapons even if they are not turned against Marines.

Nothing violent happened to the Marines of Tango 10, but intimations of violence sometimes flared. Swaggering young men would stare at the Marines, using derisive times to speak words the Americans did

Private First Class Brian Urbanawiz, 19. seeking a frame of reference for this unfamiliar scene, decided it was "like right before a football game, when you try tn psych each other out, talk trash and turn your noses up. That's the way they walk by. Son of makes you

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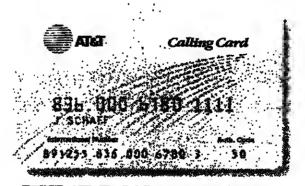
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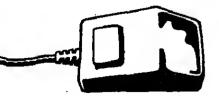
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## Serious Job, Good Start

#### More Than a Show

It is too easy to make a joke or draw too sweeping a conclusion about the antic asoutlage paint and combat gear, only to be greeted — and, it is said, temporarily hlind-ed, not to say confounded and embarrassed it is supposed to do, and it is doing this not by armed resistance but by the glare of TV lights and a swarming civilian press
corps already arrived. The military was made
and its cumbersome presence in huge conto look as if it were overreacting and playing tingents, is the press. Somalia is a danger-pretend; so, perhaps, it will continue to look out place not just for relief workers and until a first shot is fired or a bomb is set off, a other officials but for reporters and photofirst casualty is taken — or a first food convoy gets through. There is nothing "pretend" about what those troops are doing or the risks they are incurring, and their com-

stopped food shipments to starving Somali men, women and children, or are providing protection for relief workers and other officials, or all the rest. It may become the job of the U.S. troops to disarm or otherwise deter these groups. If resistance proves light or nil, the military will be said to have exaggerated for dramatic and political effect. If resistance proves effective (and there have been learned guesses on both sides), the instant and opposite complaint will be heard; the commanders will be faulted for having been

#### Forcing and Talking

Operation Restore Hope began propitiously on Tnesday for the starving people of Somalia, if less so for the reporters and photographers who met the U.S. forces, faces ameared in camouflage paint, with blinding floodlights. The resulting uproar all but drowned out the important news: The marines suffered oo casualnes and encountered oo bostile fire.

As significant was the arrival of Robert Oakicy, a seasoned former U.S. amhassador to Somalia, who has the mission of creating a political opening to parallel the military's humanitarian track. Food and medicine cannot be delivered securely to desperate Somalis without a cease-fire in the country's murderous clan wars. Awed. even cowed, the young thugs who hijack relief food are lying low. Yet if they are not disarmed and brought under control, it is hard to see how this mission can achieve its declared goal - to establish a secure envi-

careless with the lives of the troops entrusted to them. Think Lebanon if you doubt it, another twilight military situation oot that many years ago in which troops were compect of what happened when the U.S. Navy

mitted perhaps with good cause to as much
Seals and Marines went ashore in Mogadia political as a military operation — and shu Tuesday night. There they were in cam-more than 200 marines were lost in a truckbombing in the uncertainty.

under conditions of danger. So, too, for all the occasional self-dramatization and hype tingents, is the press. Somalia is a dangerthe risks they are incurring, and their commanders are absolutely right to exercise great care in putting them into Mogadishu.

The area is full of the armed gangs that for their own extortionate purposes have press seems to find itself not just accompanies. press seems to find itself not just accompa-oying or bohbing along behind U.S. troops but established out ahead of them and re-

porting back as they approach in real time. The roles of the military and the press are never completely in sync in a military operation. In a socio-military operation like this, it gets harder. But those admittedly gro-tesque photos from Wednesday should not be interpreted to mean that the task of the military is going to be a breeze or that the reporters covering it should not be there.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

ronment so that a smaller, longer-term UN peacekeeping force can keep open harbors, airports, roads and food distribution centers.

There is, sadly, no assurance that this rescue operation, so well begun, can remain free of trouble. As American forces move out through the country, they will encounter another deadly reality: hundreds of thousands of land mines in oorthern Somalia. The country's former dictator planted them during the Ogaden war be-tween Somalia and Ethiopia. In the warning words of the U.S.-based Physicians for Human Rights: "They are blind weapons that cannot distinguish between the footfall of a soldier or of an old woman. They recognize no cease-fire."

The clumsy byplay on the beach notwithstanding, Americans can rightly take satisfactino in how well this humanitarian operation has begun. But military dangers persist, invisible in those floodlights on the beaches of Mogadishu

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## Royals in Splitsville

On July 29, 1981, millions of Americans rose at dawn to watch a young woman who actually looked like a princess (golden hair, blue eyes and a whopper of a tiara) marry a prince who didn't exactly look like one (he's rose of the prince and princes of Wales had agreed to separate but had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had agreed to separate but had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had agreed to separate but had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no plans for the prince and princes of wales had no princes who prince who didn't exactly look like one (he's wales had no princes of wales had no princes no Tom Cruise). But what the heck. The divorce. So when he is king she will be music was swell, St. Paul's Cathedral never ooked better and, all in all, it was the kind

of wedding that even money can't buy. The happy couple rode away from the ceremony in a golden coach, and before long had two children, traveled a lot and always looked really terrific. Then, as the gossip columnists like to say. Splitsville! Or something that lonks a lot like Splitsville. He was said to have something or somebody or whatever on the side; and she chose to tell Her Story through friends who told all to a Londoo journalist; and the look on their faces whenever they were togeth-

queen. They will still appear in public together. When the occasion warrants.

So, like the girl in a song by the Beatles, she's leaving home - the home in the country, oot the pad at the palace at Kensington - and maybe she, too, is hoping for fun. He will live in Clarence House with the queen mother and continue to do his courtry's duty. And the country, which has survived abdications, decapitations, plagues, revolts, more than a few wars, countless air raids, a ruinous castle fire and the loss of an empire, will survive this as well.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

#### Other Comment

#### The End of a Fairy Tale

The overwhelming reaction of the British public to the separation of the prince and princess of Wales will be one of sadness and sympathy. The people cherished the fairy

The enormous media pressure placed upon the Waleses has contributed to the difficulty of preserving a public marriage. But the breakdown of the private relation-ship nevertheless stemmed from the irreconcilability of the two principals.

The statement from Buckingham Palace

cannot be taken at face value. It is not credible to suppose that the constitutional position is unaffected, or, as the prime minister suggested in the Commons, that the princess of Wales can ever reign as queen. But the royal family has now had much

unhappy experience of coming to terms with marital breakdown. A precedent has been established, of taking one step at a time. There is every reason to suppose that the queen will reign for many years to come. If that proves to be the case, then there is time in which to consider the constitutional implications in the event of a divorce,

It is likely that Prince William will come of age while the queen sits on the throne, which could raise new possibilities concerning the succession. But it is impossible to deny that the separation is a severe blow, not only to

the queen but to the British monarchy.
Rightly or wrongly, the public values the royal family as a symbol of traditional values, of continuity and harmony. There has always been a strong element of fantasy in this view. But it is cherished nonetheless. - The Daily Telegraph (London).

The Intifada Continues

The fifth anniversary of the intifada signifies another round of painful and bloody struggle for the 1.8 million Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza, What "new world order is this if they continue to be oppressed and homeless? Such an order oppressed and nonleases? Such an ortho-should imply new ways of working with other nations to deter aggression and achieve stability, prosperity and peace. But that is not the case with the Palestinian issue. Perhaps it is time for the UN to focus its

attention on the Palestinian issue and produce a credible political solution. It should revive its Trusteeship Council to administer territories where movements are struggling for autonomy and statehood, like the Palestinians. Such a council may operate under the authority of the General Assembly and can provide administrative expertise to ensure the evolution of peaceful change with-in countries where rebellious pressures and constant bloodletting can oo longer be regarded as a strictly internal affair.

- New Straits Times (Kuala Lumpur).

The tragic murder of three [Israeli] reservists in Gaza is a sign that the intifada is turning into a guerrilla war. This was not a stone-throwing incident or an ambush; it was a daring attack against armed soldiers. The terrorist organizations want to turn Gaza into Beirut

We have seen this before. If we do not want a repeat of Lebanon we must launch a preemptive strike. We must seal entire areas, massively move into these areas, search every home, turn over every stone, light up every dark spot.

- Ma'ariv (Tel Aviv).

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## Edinburgh Needn't Be **Too Polite**

#### By Brian Beedham

ONDON - It is a rough four-Letter word, and the gentlemen who meet in Edinburgh this Friday will not want to let it pass their lips. They will not, if they can help it, mention the word "GATT."

Which is a pity, since Europe's summiteers cannot really decide anything else on their Edinburgh agenda until they know what sort of place Europe is going to be. And that depends above all on the GATT world trade talks.

The central question in Edinburgh is not whether the 12 leaders can fix is not whether the 12 leaders can fix the Community's budget for the next seven years. (They will probably fix it a bit higher than big-payers Germany and Britain would wish, but lower than big-demanders Spain, Ireland, Portugal and Greece would like.) It is not whether John Major can find an internious way to protect the

find an ingenious way to protect na-tional governments from the creeping expansion of EC power — the "subsi-diarity" issue. (He will probably be allowed to brush away part of the cobweb of petry regulation, and get a vague formula saying that this sort of thing will now stop. This is unlikely to persuade the skeptics, since the ex-

#### Tell us, summiteers, about Europe and the GATT deal on farm products.

perts on the subject in his own Parlia-ment have told him that no truly enforceable formula can be devised.) The central question is not even whether it is possible to construct wording that enables Denmark's govback to Denmark's people, in the hope that a second Danish referendum will this time say "yes" to Maastricht — hot without the treaty having to be amended and re-ratified.

The question is whether France will drop opposition to the farm agree-ment that the Community has reached with the United States. Without the farm deal, there can be no general GATT deal on freer world trade. The world will be something like \$200 bil-lion a year worse off than it need be, which in today's world economy is like

a sick man waving aside medicine.

The subsidiarity business is Mr.
Major's way of trying to persuade
anti-Maastricht Britons — a large majority, on present evidence - that the Masstricht treaty will not submerge Britain in some future United States of Europe, He has said that Britain's ratification of the treaty depends on his

being able to prove this.

But an even more urgent doubt about the future shape of Europe has now arisen. If the Community allows French obstruction of the GATT deal, self out as an enemy of free trade, a friend of protectionism. Do Britons want to belong to such a Europe? They do not. The possibility that France might succeed in its obstruction is one reason why so many people in Britain are rejuctant to commit themselves to anything called a European union. The same applies to Denmark. Most Danes share the British belief that the only sort of Europe worth belonging to is a Europe open to the world.

This also affects the enlargement issue. The Community says it is willing to admit as new members countries like Sweden, Austria, Finland and Norway, and one day some ex-Com-munist countries, too. But many of these places are also asking themselves whether, if GATT is killed, the Europe they asked to join will still be a Europe they want to belong to.

The GATT row even puts a question mark over the Community's bud-get. It is not inconceivable that France will continue to reject the farm part of the GATT deal, while all or most of the rest of the Community decides to accept it. That would break Europe's accept it. Hat would break the the Common Agricultural Policy. But the CAP is the single biggest item in the Community's budget. If it died, even if it survived in a cut-down form, a lot of money would be saved, and the whole budget could be redesigned. How can the men sitting down

around a table in Edinburgh button their lips on such a subject? François Mitterrand, who wants it to go unmentioned drops encouraging hints. Leave it to him. If nobody says anything, he will eventually make sure that France does the right thing, perhaps in exchange for a few sweeteners.

But there is no way of being sure this will happen. Mr. Mitterrand is a remarkable man, but he is also an old man. He has lately been showing the signs of age: a growing fixity in the pursuit of his goals, a diminishing readiness to listen to doubts. He may be clinging to the hope that he can get Helmut Kohl to back him in a GATT showdown. Or, if Germany fails him, he may yet decide to dely the world and spend his last years on the bosom of la France profonde.

It promises a curious conversation in Edinburgh. Have we decided, everybody, how we are going to coax Denmark back into a European union? Well, that rather depends what a European union is going to look like. Do we at any rate agree, Mr. Major, that Britain should ratify the Maastricht treaty without further ado? Well, you see, gentlemen, quite apart from the Danes and subsidiarity, there is this other thing we have agreed not to talk about. Bother. Can we at least settle the budget? But surely there is youknow-what to be cleared up first.

The average reader of this newspaper, could he draw a chair up to the table, would soon find himself leaning forward to ask a few questions. Tell us, Mr. Mitterrand, do you or do you not propose to accept the farm deal that the Community has negotiated with America? No answer? Please, then, Mr. Kohl, tell us where you stand on GATT, Silence? Well, then, all 12 of you, where does Europe stand? International Herald Tribune.

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## New: Experiment in Philanthropic Force

PARIS — The marines have landed in Moga-dishn and the U.S.-led international operation to save Somalis from starvation and from themselves has started well. The rambunctious, feuding gangsters disrupting and preying on re-lief efforts have pulled back, for now.

But there should be no illusion that the decision to send substantial force will provide a quick solution or even restore Somalia to its normal level of misery.

I favor the decision to act with force against the intolerable burnan disaster that modern communications oblige us to acknowledge and try to relieve. This acceptance of responsibility is something new in the world, however, its implications

only dimly perceived as yet.

It is both heartwarming and frightening, because Somalia is not really an aberration. Somalia is just a particularly flagrant example of man-made horror compounding the natural vicissitudes of drought and famine. Man-made harrors, on a massive scale, are going on in many places, and they will continue.

Sending aid to the starving is an obvious necessity in a world whose well-off countries

quarrel about overproduction of food and unfair export competition. That humanitarian impulse has been blocked in Somalia (and not only in Somalia), and now armies must be sent to protect relief workers and supplies for distribution.

Compassionate help has often been used in the past to justify armed intervention: to pro-

tect foreign citizens and missionaries, to support resistance to an enemy or aggressor. There were usually ulterior motives, and often a desire to remain and dominate.

This intervention is quite different. There is oo

This intervention is quite interent. I nere is on "side" to buttress, no state to issue an invitation because the Somali state has utterly collapsed, nothing but gangs and victims.

And oobody wants to stay in Somalia and take oo running it, even though there is an undertone of "big brother come back" in the general eagerness urging major powers not to abandon countries from which their withdrawal was demanded into a few years ago.

was demanded just a few years ago.

In a staggering new book called "Populations in Danger," Medecins sans Frontières speaks of the need for "philanthropic diplomacy" in the numerous parts of the world desperate for relief that cannot get through because of local politics and fighting. Southern Sudan, on the other side of Ethiopia from Somalia, is in just as bad a state, and conditions are similar in parts of southern Ethiopia from Somalia, is in just as bad a state, and conditions are similar in parts of southern Ethiopia, spilling over into Kenya and Uganda. Now we will have to speak of "philanthropic force" to assure that supplies are delivered. But it cannot be applied everywhere, and it is needed on every continent. Nor can the large commitment of force be indefinite. What then?

There is some talk of restoring the UN trusteeship system for recently independent states

#### By Flora Lewis

which have failed so dramatically that the surwhich have failed so dramanically that the survival of whole peoples is menaced. The United Nations simply is not equipped to replace governments. It would take a huge, long-term effort to begin to put adequate administration in place, and it is unlikely that any competent national power would accept a new trusteeship in the postcolonial era. That would be asking

for even more trouble. Nor can it be expected that Somalia can soon create a viable state, or even revert to its precolonial balance of nomads and farmers more or less minding their own business. The country was flooded with arms, in turn by each side in the Cold War. The devastated cities are swollen by helpless refugees, and large parts of the land have been ruined.

Clan rivalries, deliberately exacerbated during the long dictatorship of Mohammed Siad Barre to preserve his central power, have only exploded in new ferocity since his overthrow in January

1991. The leaders will not voluntarily give way to

a new, peaceable central government. All of this is not a reason to refuse involve ment. Even apart from the Cold War, which dramatically escalated the level of arms available to traditional rivals, the world is involved in conflicts that it would rather ignore because of communications, trade, the spread of know-

ledge and aspirations. It is a reason to understand the enormity of challenges that will have to be met one by one,

place by place, moving from emergency reaction to civil planning to insolution-building. This is dannting. It is also encouraging.

It is the necessary follow-up to decolonization, carried out reluctantly at first and then with a state of the following to the temperature of the following the state of certain relief at the false idea that the responsibility was over. Clearly it is not, but we are starting to see it in a new light. The world is changing. Some needs at least will be met for selfless

reasons, however difficult it is. Somalia is a worst case. It should be seen as a place to learn, no doubt the hard way.

O Flora Lewis.



## New Era, New Foreign Policy, New Practitioners

By Roger Morris

This is the second of two articles.

SANTA FE, New Mexico — Bill Clinton's policy should be to renegotiate, as necessary, America's international economic future, reversing George Bush's readiness to allow supranational trade agree-

ments to crode American labor and environmental standards.

The United States should oot avoid a trade war, Mr. Clinton should announce, only to inflict a

in the new U.S. policy than Japan, a mutually sensitive and systematic reduction of the \$100 billion U.S. trade matter for our grandchildren if we deficit would be the primary goal and crucible of U.S.-Japanese relations.

Not least, Mr. Clinton should convene a conference of rich and poor

class war on American and foreign

For such innovation, Clinton will find neither skill nor commitment among the Cold War veterans who are jockeying for jobs. He must reach for a fresh generation of thinkers and doers.

workers, fought with high-tech sweatshops and symbolized by gruesomely polluted border towns Soon Mr. Clinton should meet with major trading partners, includ-ing Japan, the Pacific Rim, Europe and Latin America, to advance a

straightforward new policy: America will settle for neither beligerent blocs nor politely masked inequity but rather will seek an equitable, politically sustainable world commerce of shared sacrifice, responsibility and opportunity for capital and labor. Since no nation is more important

N EW YORK — The scene is Governor's Mansion in Little

Rock. The time, 2:30 A.M. Presi-

dent-elect Bill Clinton sits alone, munching his second pizza of the evening. He is in deep thought about

his national security team. His mus-

ings are known only to Hillary and a telepathic columnist, alone in his New York study, eating his third

I'm going to announce this group in about 10 days. The bozo colum-nists don't realize that I'm hiding my

picks in plain sight.

Jack Kennedy and other presidents

made a mistake in choosing people

they didn't know well just to show off big names. I won't do that I don't

want any surprises. I don't want to

ignite new wars among Washington foreign policy clans. Nobody has guessed that I'm giving the top jobs only to people I worked with closely

On secretary of state, I'm down to

Colin Powell is the most impressive guy I met in Washington. He was

gan's national security adviser

and Bush's chairman of the Joint

Chiefs. With him, Pd have a biparti-

san policy right away. But his views clash with mine on basics, I want to

cut military spending faster than he does. And I want to take military

action in places like Bosnia, and he's

dead set against that. My transition chairman, Vernon Jordan, has been

pushing him hard, but I think we'd

have problems in the long haul. Senator Bill Bradley is a centrist, so with him I wouldn't get attacked

by cooservatives. He's done his

bomework on economics. Which is a

big plus because I've spent a lot of

time talking about giving foreign pol-icy more of an economic twist. But we haven't worked together, and I'm

not sure about the chemistry. Warren Christopher has been with

three names — all completely different from each other.

pizza of the night.

struggling neighborhood in Washington, showing that he would be a concerned citizen of the capital, he should be the first American chief executive in a generation to demon the struggling nations.

strate an authentic sensibility toward No one's future is secure, he should explain, when 4 or 5 billion people in the world are left in smoking slums on the outskirts of hope. America can-

ideals and self-interest in internation-

al development. Just as he visited a

not simply deal with domestic oceds and then later turn to the world's an-

We Can Surprise 'Em With No Surprises

By Leslie H. Gelb

me from the start. And I'm not going to waste him on the White House

chief of staff job now that I've decid-

ed to downgrade that position — it's going to be mainly the old Truman-Kennedy-Johnson-Carter gatekeeper, not the strong Nixon-Reagan-Bush number two that would block other

Chris is more lawyer than policy

theorist, but be's got standing, experi-

ence — deputy secretary of state un-der Cyrus Vance. Most of all, I trust him, and he won't make any mis-

takes. So unless there's a bolt out of

the blue, my choice is Chris at state.

Defense secretary goes to Les As-pin, chairman of the House Armed

Services Committee, I think. He knows the Pentagon and Congress inside out. The chemistry between us

was great working on the presidential

debates. We're on the same intellec-

tual and policy wavelengths — cut spending more than Bush, but not as

did is the campaign. They were a great team. Sandy's an old friend,

and he's got flawless jodgment. Tony's got more government experi-

If I go with Tony, I could put Sandy in the oumber two slot at State

— or vice versa. But Chris may want someone else there like Peter Tarnoff,

the majordomo of Vance's State De-

partment, now president of the Council on Foreign Relations. A lot of peo-

ple are pushing Tom Pickering, a

ence and knows more policy.

much as liberals say.

aides off from me.

make ourselves prosperous.

As another principle of oew policy, the United States should become a leader - and no longer a scofflaw or mental action, including energy con-servation, meaningful reduction of carboo dioxide, stricter emission controls, hazardous waste cleanup responsible population policy, re-source replenishment and myriad other measures to meet the danger of ecological disaster.

Finally, Mr. Clinton should come to grips with the most formidable challenge of all: ignoring the stale foreign policy establishment and circumventing the permanent regime of hureaucrats, whose civil service ranks are deeply penetrated by Reagan-Bush loyalists.

Just as Harry Truman's postwar internationalism could not be conducted by the old isolationists of a bygone era, so the post-Cold War Clinton policy will survive only with new ways and new people, beyond old establishments and ex-officials. A centerpiece of the new diplomacy could be sonhisticated conflict res-

career diplomat, but I don't know him.

about a woman for a top State job. I like Madeleine Albright of Jimmy Carter's NSC staff, now running a

Washington institute. I also want to make sure we find good positions for Toby Gati, a Russian expert at the UN Association, and Jame Nolan at the Brookings Institution.

Ron Brown, the Democratic na-

tional chairman, has been campaigning for secretary of state. But I'll make him either UN cavoy or the

I still don't know what to do with

CIA. I could put Dave McCurdy there. Gee, this is much more fun

The New York Times.

trade representative.

than economics.

Chris and I have also been talking

mediation of the kind so successful under private anspices, with the World Bank, among Nicaraguan factions and in Middle East water issues. Preventing conflicts rather than re-

olution, with assisted negotiation and

acting to crisis, creating forums for dialogue and joint problem-solving, acknowledging the legitimacy of all interests, onderstanding historical and psychological dynamics at work, building long-term relationships of collaboration - these oew techniques would apply to many inter-national flash points. For such innovation - much less

his emphasis on collective peacekeeping humane international economics and environmentalism - Mr. Clinton will find neither skill nor commitment among the Cold War veterans jockey-ing for jobs. He must reach for a fresh generation of thinkers and doers—for a ocw-world visionary, manager and practiced negotiator as secretary of state; a secretary of defense versed in economic reconversion and interna-tionalized security; a UN ambassador of stature to match the post's unparalleled new importance; policymakers on international economics and the environment of ministerial rank and worldwide distinction for their mastery of the issues; a new CIA director with the mettle to turn a rogue relic into a relevant public servant; a na-tional security adviser of original intellect and old-fashioned lumility, em-bodying America's new creativity yet

modesty about its place on the planet.

In the end, the most important change should be in the president. He should believe in his own newcomer's genius, knowing that the new foreign policy is not sorcery, that he need not apprentice to the past. He should trust his own decency and intelli-gence in world affairs and a new

democratization of foreign policy.

The president would have to choose decisively between conventionality, with its all too predictable ontcome and a new community of nations, joined by America and led by its example as never before. We can only hope that for Mr. Clinton this would be no choice at all.

The writer, who served on the National Security Council staff under Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, is preparing a book on the early days of the Clinton presidency. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1892: Princely Wisdom LONDON - When Prince George of

Wales had charge of the Thrush, on the West Indian Station, he had tem-But my staff still wants to talk about Sam Num, the Senate Armed Services Committee chair, and Dave McCurdy, head of the House Intelliporarily in custody a young bluejacket who had a very bad record. The Prince formed the opinion that there were seeds of good in the fellow and resence Committee, So I won't put a contained. So I won't put a lock on Aspin just yet.

The national security adviser job comes down to Tony Lake, Vance's chief policy planner, and Sandy Berger, Lake's deputy at State. I wish they could share the job the way they did in the covernity. solved to give him a fresh start. The admiral complied with the Prince's application that the bluejacket be ratapproximate that the observate be rat-ed on the strength of the Thrush, in-stead of his former ship. Prince George told the culprit that he did not seek promises of amendment; he trust-ed in his bonor. He had had no leave for a year and the Prince told him be might go ashore with the other leave men. His pay had been stopped so the Prince gave him a sovereign. The man was overcome. From that day his was

a reformed character. 1917: Jerusalem Taken LONDON — Jerusalem has been

captured hy. General Allemby's

forces. The news was announced in the House of Commons yesterday [Dec. 10] by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Bonar Law, who said that the occupation of the city had been delayed owing to the fact that orders had been given to avoid damaging the holy sites. General Allenby cut off the city and forced it to capitulate. The capture is of little military, but of immense moral importance.

#### 1942: Turin Is Bombed LONDON - [From our New York

edition: A force of 200 to 300 big edition: A force of 200 to 300 org British bumbers dropped explosives ranging up to four-ton blockbusters on still-smoking Turin last night [Dec. 9] in the second successive blow, and the sixth within o month, at the northon Italian arsenal city. The Italians admitted today that many buildings were damaged and intensive fires caused. They said the casualties had not yet been ascertained, but that in the previous night's attack on Turin the toll was 75 killed and 2 injured.

## A Runaround, Once Again, By the Cover-Up General

By William Safire

WASHINGTON—In the first week of October, the refusal to name an independent counsel in the Irangate leblowers that come to "people like" scandal was becoming an issue in the presidential campaign. To take off the heat, Attorney General William Barr asked a former federal judge. Harold Tyler, if he would serve as a "special" not independent - counsel.

The timing of the assignment was fishy. "He didn't seem to be in that much of a burry," recalls Mr. Tyler. Mr. Barr wanted a report delayed until after the election, well into De-

Lacey, seething at having been called a 'patsy prosecutor,' was at his patsiest. He called the prosecution of the botched case 'pretty near perfect' and said charges of a Barr cover-up were 'baseless.'

cember - when the act authorizing special prosecutors was to expire. Mr. l'yler wisely ducked.

Jumping at the chance was Frederick Lacey, another former federal judge. Wednesday, on Mr. Barr's carefully chosen schedule, Mr. Lacey came through for the Cover-Up General and his corrupt crew in a style that would make a Watergater blush.

At a press conference in the FBI building Mr. Lacey — seething at bav-ing been called a "paisy prosecutor" in this space — was at his patsiest. "All of this 'stuff,'" he charged, spitting out the euphemism, was "arrant nonsense," He called the prosecution of the botched case "pretty near perfect" and charges of cover-up "baseless." They were caused by "unbridled attacks of a legislator" (be means you, Henry Gonzalez), and he further chastised the

oress: "You bave been taken by them."
That's one of the misprints — he meant "taken in" — from a slapped-together, grammatically befuddled diatribe handed out by Mr. Barr's helper, Paul McNulty,

before Mr. Lacey's press conference.
Customarily, a lengthy written report
such as Mr. Lacey submitted is given to reporters at least an hour in advance, facilitating informed questioning. Not this time, Mr. Barr wanted no detailed

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cross-examination of his defender. When I rose, unrecognized, to ask that copies of the supposedly definitive doc-ument be distributed, the imperious former jurist denied responsibility, professing to think we already had it.

I walked out in protest at being denied the basis for specific queries (thus Safire"). But the obfuscation performed by Mr. Barr's spokesman did illustrate how easily Mr. Lacey was manipulated hy the Justice Department he was supposed to investigate.

A second section of Mr. Lacey's whitewash — dishonestly labeled as coming from "independent counsel" is classified as secret. Between denunciations of the press and a shot at "con-gressional pressure" that forced the helpless Agriculture Department to sbut its eyes to wrongdoing, Mr. Barr's dependent counsel admitted he had not sought to have anything stamped "se-

cret declassified.

This comes from Mr. Lacey, a former judicial intelligence panelist who never met a wiretap he didn't like. He thus perpetuates the wrongful use of national security as a device for preventing inves-tigation into abuses of power. Then-Attorney General Dick Thornburgh claimed "national security" in seeking to hide embarrassments from the House Banking chairman. Mr. Lacey's report brushes away this blatant attempt to intimidate as "the unfortunate use of the words 'national security' ... "A white-washer's "unfortunate" is a hard-eyed prosecutor's "unlawful."

Mr. Barr's dependent counsel in vokes that secrecy in failing to tell the public about the Iraquate diplomatic cable traffic. It shows how the FBI and CIA knew the truth about the use of Agriculture Department billions for Saddam Hussein's armaments, as well as the involvement of the Italian and British governments - while Justice Department prosecutors were claiming the opposite in court.

Mr. Lacey's see-no-evil conclusion: "We were unable to determine who at

Justice saw what and when."
Others will determine that. Iraquate will not be squeiched by Mr. Barr's cover-up or his dependent counsel's nonfeasance. The Senate majority leader, George Mitchell, expects to send up new legislation establishing an independent counsel; Bill Clinton will sign it and has assured me he would urge his attorney general to trigger the act in this case.

Meanwhile, in response to the display of power-abusive arrogance shown this day, the new Congress should set up a select joint committee with expert staff to plumb this scandal to its depths. The New York Times.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Operation Restore Hope: Rescue. Not Intervention

The United Nations operation in Somalia, led by the U.S. military and troops of other nations, will restore the security in Somalia required to carry out the food and medical relief programs of UN specialized agencies and of private voluntary organizations, including the

But this operation is one of bumanitar- Arms for the Bosnians ian rescue, not of intervention, as some have been calling it. It is indeed historic. It is not, however, analogous to Opera-non Provide Comfort, which brought hu-manitarian relief to the Kurds in northern Iraq, bypassing the sovereignty of a na-tion defeated in war, but still a nation,

When a nation, or group of nations, interferes with the governing authority of another sovereign nation, that is intervendon. The media have done a splendid job of showing that Somalia has no such governing authority. Somaba does not and cannot provide the basic rights of living to its citizens. Somalia exercises no power over its body politic. Anarchy reigns supreme. The United Nations continues to re-

spect the sovereignty of nations. However, through the unanimous decision of its Security Council, the UN has recognized that when the peoples of a member na-tion cannot, because of the dissolution of their government, be granted the basic rights of living guaranteed by the Univer-sal Declaration of Human Rights, they must, through international law and as a matter of conscience, be rescued. This operation may set a precedent for bu-manitarian rescue operations elsewhere. It does not set a precedent for humanitar-

The Red Cross's principles of impar-nality and neutrality are respected by the UN Security Council resolution that has established this noble effort. It is our mission in prevent and alleviate human suffering wherever it may be found. It is found in abundance in Somalia.

JOSE A. APONTE. DAVID B. ARNOLD. American Red Cross. Washington.

The Bosnians are not asking for U.S. troops. All they are asking for its a lifting of the United Nations arms embargo. Reducing the strength of the Serbian rebels through trade sanctions bas proved to be totally inadequate.

HAROUN ER RASHID. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Hong Kong's Opportunity A potentially historic crisis, fraught

with both danger and opportunity, has arisen in the confrontation between Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, and the Chinese leaders in Beijing.

The Beijing leadership, by its gro-tesque overreaction to the governor's modest proposals, has finally shown its hand: It clearly never intended to respect the principle of one country, two systems, But to give in to the octoge-narian leaders in Beijing will only lead to a total loss of confidence in the future of Hong Kong as a part of China, with the usual economic conse-quences of falling markets, brain drain and capital flight.

The opportunity that has opened up is this; If Mr. Patten and his supporters hold firm, Beijing will be forced, by the

logic of its own overreaction, to cut off its nose to spite its unsmiling face, to show that it is prepared to sacrifice the prosperity of Hong Kong, and thus that of the neighboring Chinese provinces of Guangdong and Fujian, on the altar of

ideological purity.

This would provoke a hostile and de-fensive reaction from those two provinces, and others like them that now form the economic vanguard of China. Such a reaction would have repercussions throughout China, and could have a greater impact than did the student movement of Tiananmen Square in 1989, It could even lead to the overthrow of the country's octogenarian leaders, and their replacement by a vounger and more urban leadership.

Will Mr. Patten and his superiors in London hold firm, and let the Chinese people seize the opportunity that they, perhaps unwittingly, have created?

L de ARRIZABALAGA y PRADO.

#### Packwood and Woody

Regarding "Fear of Flirting: Let Sense Prevail" (Meanwhile, Dec. 8):

Erica Jong's piece on sexual harass-ment would have been more credible bad she not tried to equate old-goatism (symbolized by Senator Bob Packwood) with Woody Allen, 1 hardly think Mr. Allen was chasing Mia Farrow's daugh-ter around his desk. More likely the closeness of the relationship allowed their emotions to sneak up on them. Nor does anything in Mr. Allen's situation suggest that his attenuous, unlike the senator's, were unwelcome,

## Not So Many, but Sometimes A Crowd in the Back Room

By Richard Cohen

Hühner, the leader of the German Alternative, a neo-Nazi group, is yet another little German with a winning. smile and a penchant for wearing blackleather jackets indoors.

Unlike some of his followers whose looks are quasi-punk, his hair is conventionally cut and his clothes well-pressed. A colleague adopts a more menacing

#### MEANWHILE

look: Jackboots, scalp shaved in the front and two black eves — the result, probably, of yet another political dia-logue of the sort the German Alternative is suspected of conducting.

The group meets in a tavern in a village near here. The place has a scatter-ing of tables, a billiard table, a short bar and a iukebox. It also has a dispropor-

ionately large back room.

In it — and behind closed doors —
Mr. Hübner holds his meetings. Usually. some 100 people, mostly young men. match has cut the turnout in about 35. A young man wearing riding breeches and boots bars the door. His hair is cut short and dyed blond on top. He has the dead eves of a car. He never smiles.

In Cottbus itself, the neo-Nazis are taken as seriously as they take themselves. Outside a dismal bousing block occupied mostly by Romanian refugees. men say they never walk singly for fear of being attacked by far-right thugs. "We are afraid," said one.

Behind them is a gutted car, its win-dows gone, its windshield shattered — a remnant of a September attack of rightists on the refugee compound. At the nearby police station, a spokesman, Brendt Fleischer, doesn't think the neo-Nazis are a joke, either. "They were certainly involved in that one," he said of the attack on the Romanians. In all, seven cars were burned.

Cottbus is in Eastern Germany, not far from the Polish border, The area has about 63),000 residents. Communism is gone, but like any empire it has left behind its monuments. These are mon-strous housing blocks of mind-numbing banality. A dejected citizenry lives in them. The old Communist social-ser-vices system has evenorated. For the vices system has evaporated. For the young, the clubs are gone. For their parents, the jobs are gone.

For what was once Communist East Germany, the late Janis Joplin had it about right: Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose, Here,

people are as free as can be. So when the police spokesman and others point out — always with precise numbers — that the neo-Nazis represent just a fraction of the population, the socioeconomic context has to be taken into account: Whatever the actual membership figures, they have countless otb-

OTTBUS, Germany — Frank er supporters and sympathizers. The Hühner, the leader of the German tavern keeper is typical. Since what is called "the revolution." his husiness has collapsed. The old groups no longer rent his back room. His son lost his job and now gets less in benefits than a refugee.

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"That's not right," he said.

At the high school, a kind of counterat... tack is being waged. The school has instituted a multicultural program, but while it is well-intentioned, it also seems lame. Students are taught to respect other cultures, but the cultures studied have been Latin American. The Gypsies of the nearby refugee housing have yet to be mentioned, although they can be seen streaming in and out of the nearby supermarker. Mr. Hübner for one is not at a loss to

give orders. He tells his followers not to talk to the press. It is a time for caution.
The authorities would love to see Mr. Hübner slip, do something in violation of the law so his organization could be banned. But on this night, there is but one slip. It occurs when members of the press are discovered eavesdropping at the back door. Instantly, we are all ordered into the street and told to leave he area. The area?

A huge man with a shaved head says we have been warned for the last time. He intimates violence. The police, who earlier in the day denied turning "a blind eye" to this group, are nowhere in sight and, slowly, booted men are tightening their circle, Reporters, numbering around a dozen men and women, retreat into their cars and leave the area.

It was the sort of incident that could happen anywhere, Germany, though, is different, and that difference is why the world is watching events here.

The Washington Post.

#### Difference of Attitude

O objective observer would mini-Mize the burden that the influx of 500,000 asylum-seekers this year has put on Germany. Yet Germany's situation is hardly unique. Switzerland has a higher percentage of foreigners. And the number of illegal immigrants in the United States is a higher proportion of the country's population than in Germany. Yes, it is a far larger country, but most immigrants settle in densely populated urban areas. The real difference lies not in numbers

but in philosophy and artitudes. Most U.S. immigrants know that probably they — and certainly their children — can become citizens. The opposite is true in Germany. Multiculturalism now seems normal to most Americans, though it has come about with wrenching adjustments. In holding on to an essentially racial definition of nationhood. Germany unintentionally provides a pretext for violence by xenophobes.

Michael H. Haltzel, chief of the Euro-pean division of the Library of Congress, in the Los Angeles Times,

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## The Distinguished

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Directed by Jonathan Lynn,

Like Mr. Smith and Billy Jack before him, "The Distinguished Gentleman" comes to Washing-ton — only this time to share in iooting the public pork barrel.
But with Disney chairing the
committee, this would-be political satire turns into a sappy farce that shamelessly pits influence peddlers against a con man who

LEICA M6. A MASTERPIECE OF ART



The freedom to see.

Congress — thanks to a little constituent who has a brain tumor, A restrained Eddie Murphy takes the role of Thomas Jefferson Johnson, a happy-go-lucky hustler who finagles his way into office with help from a rambow coalition of hopelessly cliched racial and ethnic stereotypes. The movie is too coarsely drawn and broadly directed to skewer what ought to have been an easy target. Politicians are corrupt. Stop the presses, (Rita Kempley, WP)

develops values when elected to

#### Damage (Fatale) Directed by Louis Malle. England-France.

Stephen Fleming (Jeremy Irons) is the picture of success and bland ennui. A conservative member of Parliament, married to the patrician Ingrid (Miranda Richardson), nothing has pre-pared him for the aphrodisiac shock of his son's guilfriend Anna (Juliette Binoche), Josephine Hart's Oedipus-in-reverse thriller reads like a movie script and Malle has collected major talents to plot and play this dark crotica. But curiously, the scandalous story -adultery with incestuous and homosexual overtones -- comes out flat on the screen. The adaptation misses the crucity of the original, and each heated coupling is an ath-letic feat. Although Binoche is eloquent in her nearly mute role of repressed vampire and Irons is as beautifully tortured as ever, it looks like a movie made by people with fired blood. A touch of perversion would have enlivened those black-costumed rendez-vous and elegant croquet

(Joan Dupont, IHT)



#### Directed by José Luis Cuerda.

There must he a curse ou this year's Columbus films. The two blockbusters about the intrepid admiral — by Ilya and Alexander Salkind and Ridley Scott — had troubles. Writer-director Cuerda also has problems. Big ones. Two con artists — a sailor and a soldier - make their way toward Palos de la Frontera in the summer of 1492, hoping to join in Columbus's great voy-age. They travel with a prize marrana -- a sow, which the hungry man wants to cat and

the shrewd one wants to use to start a pig farm. The veteran comie actor Alfredo Landa

holds attention as the seaman with his vast array of facial ouances and controlled delivery. But the script follows the low road to humor - the soldier trying to answer nature's call in the woods, the sow having a romantic romp with another pig. Even the philosophy, on such subjects as perseverance in the face of adversity, turn out to be as light as popcorn. The film sinks slowly like a leaky ship but without the thrill of a big storm.

(Al Goodman, IHT)

#### Love Potion No. 9 Directed by Dale Launer.

Dale Launer, the man who wrote

the hilarious "Ruthless People," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "My Cousin Vinny," makes his debut as writer-director in the kind of comedy you can outrun at a walk. Virtually everything that happens can be predicted from the opening frame. Paul (Tate Donovan), a shy biochemist. and Diane (Sandra Bullock). an animal psychologist who is also shy, find themselves in possession of a love potion that works ou chimpanzees. They agree to test it out on themselves, though not together. Launer's writing credits indicate that he's a very funny man, but "Love Potion No. 9" suggests that he needs a collaborator to tell him

when the jokes don't work. (Vincent Canby, NYT) have a bit of money to burn, Maschere Firenze of Papier-Mäché in Piazza Pitti offers a papier-mäché fragment modeled on the profile (or buttock) of Michelangelo's "David" and decorated with a Leonardo da Vinci drawing, or a full-color partial reproduction of Botticelli's "Primavera." The price: just 800,000 lira. (Ken Shulman)

pensive automobiles out of the

receive something cute on which to

question, Italians are still conte

ADRID — Shoppers can find a holiday bargain at Madrid's oew Thyssen-Bornemisza Mo-seum, which displays 700 paintings from the Swiss baron's collection. The works may be worth \$2 billion (and are not for sale), but the museum store offers the Thyssen-Bornemisza calendar for only 1,500 pesetas (about \$13.50). The 1993 English-spanish calendar is adorned with prints by van Gogh, Renoir, Winslow Homer and othOctober and this is its first calendar. For a

tionally sold in stoneware crocks that, when empty, are perfect for paper clips or posies or the Maldon salt someone will be perully send from England. The baker for Stollen (a Christmas cake) or marzipan, first concocted in 1407 during a famine in Lübeck; reputed to bring luck in the new year, marzipan pigs are prominent — from thumb-size to life-size, by the slice. The candlestick

ing on the wall. The museum opened in tasty accompaniment, add a box of turrón. the Spanish almood-and-hooey holiday San Jerónimo, 30).

sweet. The basic types are soft Jijona and crunchy Alicante. From 300 pesetas. Or, gournet turron from Casa Mira (Carrera

featuring endangered species printed in natural dyes for \$24, not to mention a special ers. For an extra 600 pesetas, you can go upstairs and see the real masterpieces hang-Waterford crystal paperweight imbedded with the American flag, selling briskly at \$75

USSELDORF — Check out the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker for local specialties The butcher for mustard, tradimaker for handmade beeswax candles, a

(Lawrence Malkin) ONDON - There is nothing new about being nouveau pauvre for beeaguered British shoppers. But this is a season to be virtuous about saving money rather than indulging in a gilt trip in fancy stores. London's markets -Kensington, Portobello Road and especially

Camden Lock — fulfill dreams of Christmas past and Christmas presents. For less than \$20 there are elaborate Victorian Christmas cards (all innocent angels and family values); cottage-garden plates (it's chic to buy them not to match); glass paste jewels (check out the clasp); bric-a-brac boxes (fill them with candy or soaps). Camden's sprawling craft stalls (best on weekends) provide hippie delights from high-tops painted with psychedelic swirls to the inevitable T-shirts carrying peace and love messages. Tempers carrying peace and love messages. Teenagers who didn't tune in last time around will welcome a rerun of the 1970s: leather bangles (you can get the name inserted as studs), love beads, hairy ethnic sweaters, Afghan holeros, Mexican poochos and the black leather vests of fashioo's global costume par-

ARIS — My personal recession-proof food lover's grab bag from Paris would include fragrant and delicate sachets of herbal thyme tea, or infusion de thym de Provence from Fau-chon (26 Place de la Madeleine, Paris S); a jar of Tanrade's pear jam, or confiture de poires passées (from Le Furet, 63 Rue de Chabrol, Paris 10) for spreading oo toast or stirring into real Greek sheep's milk yogurt, found at my favorite cheese shop, Alleosse (13 Rue Poncelet, Paris 17), and a Christmas week's supply of Bernachon palets d'or chocolate from Denise Acaho's A l'Etoile d'Or, a fantasyland chocolate shop (30 Rue Fon-taine, Paris 9.) (Patricia Wells)

OKYO — The recession is thinning the year-end crowds at To-kyo's better restaurants, but more Japanese are treating their pets to gourmet meals and enjoying the experience vicariously. Ironically, while many pet own-ers crave a refined Japanese meal, cats don't like soy sauce, so product appearance and reality are diverging Japaneso-style. Mon Petit Wafu (Japaneso-style), for example, a new product marketed by Priskies that costs 120 yen (about \$1) per 84-gram (6-ounce) can, holds the soy sauce but uses elaborate cutting techniques to give beef, white fish and turkey the elegant look of Japanese cuisine,

## Parody? New Records by Old Stars

seasonal specialty, too, including ones for lighting the Christmas tree. And remember

that every town of any size has its own Schnaps distillery, fermenting everything

from potato peelings to plums. In Dort-mund, the home brew is made from rose petals. (Everything less than \$20).

been a miracle on 34th Street at Macy's, which bills itself as The World's Largest Store, While sweatshirts, un-derwear and other recession merchandise

were the staples of Christmases past, this year

the store is pushing as "affordable fashion

embroidered angora sweaters at \$250 and beaded dresses from \$250 to \$500. Other ali-American gifts are trendy ecology T-shirts

EW YORK - After two disas-

trous Christmas seasons there has

(David Galloway)

By Mike Zwerin

ARIS - Most rock stars fall into self-parody, even-tually. It took Procol Harum about one tune. Recent Stevie Wonder is a pale travesty of a unique voice. The Rolling Stones turned into Mick Jagger's traveling circus. Bruce Springsteen puts on his own enthusiasm. The boozy babbler that was once his sympathetic edge has come to embody Tom Waits. Late Who sounded like four deaf hip-pies. Changiog styles, taking chances, alienating fans, Miles Da-tic worlded it world his final for vis avoided it until his final few

The Beatles made a fortunate terminal career move before self-satire set in. Others have had postmortem parody thrust upon them. In classical music, Béla Bartók is distorted by mediocre disciples' movie scores. In jazz, it became difficult to filter Charlie Parker through Woody Woodpeckerish worshipers. Sublime, short-lived Cream is credited with spawning the grotesque power-trio ear-bust-ing caricature called heavy metal.

Three recent recordings involve more complex scenarios.

BOB DYLAN, "Good As I Been to You" (Columbia): Must be some post-folkie with a Dylan monkey on his back. Wonder where he found such a virtuoso acoustic guitarist to accompany him. Is it Mark Knopfler? Stanley Jordan? Tuck Andress? Sounds like he had three hands. Plays stuff like melody on the bottom with minth chords above. Unecological stuff —to parody early Dylan, play sim-plemioded badly articulated chords out of tune.

guitar credit so we can assume it's all him. Should have practiced singtar playing, Listen for the lynes he's one of our foremost poets after all. Listen hard because he has also become one of our foremost mumblers, the mix is muddy and the album "notes," a color photo of clouds without printed lyrics, are

not user-friendly, I pushed the CD laser back so many times trying to grasp The Bard that my copy oow sounds like a scratchy old LP.

With in-your-face twang and monotone melody, he tells stories with little evidence of the irony, metwhile evidence of the Items, increasing ambiguity and humor that changed my life. There are souga about Little Maggie, Hard Times, Diamond Joe, Black Jack Davey and the one about Mrs. Cow and other animals has a verse that goes

· LEONARD COHEN, "The Future" (Columbia): Another level here, parody as art. Whoever is doing this Leonard Cohen oumber improves on the original. Tempos redefine Dirge, reinforced by an end-of-the-world vocal texture about a fourth lower than "Suzanne." He is backed by a funereal organ, a melancholic female choir and a wistful guitar. But these stanzas do not require the bonus of song. A reading would be suffi-cient. Extracts from what may be the best poetry set to pop music since the last Leonard Cohen re-

"It's coming through a hole in the air From those nights in Tiananmen

It's coming from the feel That it ain't exactly real Or it's real but it ain't exactly there



been a Neil Young, just Spinal Tap doing a Neil Young impression.
Since he didn't exist, the immor-

tal hippie of yuppic dreams had to be invented. And so journalists

have come to say he continually

reinvents himself, "one of the long-est running shows in rock 'n' roll,"

as one put it.

Leonard Cohen: A poet.

From the sirens night and day From the fires of the homeless From the ashes of the gay Democracy is coming to the USA." "I loved you for your beauty But that doesn't make a fool of me You were in it for your beauty

"Give me back my broken night The hick, freaky, countertenor persona has often been described as "childlike," missing the point. He's childish — peace and love, baby, like far out. Dig? Wow! — on the last form Woodstook stuck to My mirrored room, my secret life It's lonely now, there's no one left to torture

Give me absolute control Over every living soul And lie beside me, baby That's an order. . . . Give me back the Berlin Wall Give me Stalin and St. Paul I've seen the future, brother It is murder."

"Ring the bells that still can ring Forget your perfect offering There is a crack in everythin That's how the light gets in.

Each song was written over a period of two or three years in more than one place, including Los An-geles, Montreal, Hydra and Paris, Carefully chosen words let light in

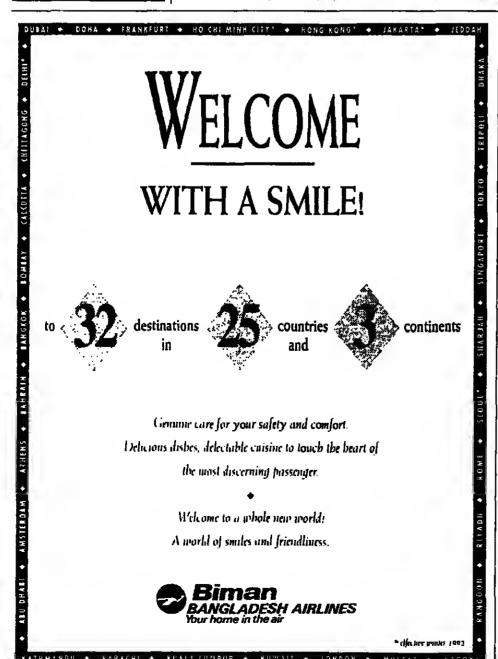
• NEIL YOUNG, "Harvest Moon" (Reprise): A special case. In my humble and no doubt demented opinion, there never has

the lam from Woodstock stuck ruminating such flower-power ditties "She used to work in a diner Never saw a woman look finer. "Open up your heart Let the lovin' start." "Our love will live

Until the end of time." "I'm a dreamin' man Yes, that's my problem
I can't tell when I'm not being real.

Finally, a flash from Jimi Hen-drix, who, like John Coltrane, was flesh and blood far beyond parody: "And so castles made of sand fall in

Those sensitive artists: Roseanne Arnold, that outspoken heroine of just plain average people, was unhappy over newspaper chicism of her husband Tom's new show. United Press International tells us she sent off faxes full of profanities to USA Today, the Los Angeles Times and the Los Angeles Daily News. As it turns out, however, Tom Arnold's "The Jackie Thomas Show" was second in the ratings last week, just behind Roseanne's own show, which is No. 1. The press is always wrong, right?





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## I I S U R

## Cruising the Waterways of Russia

By Vivienne Menkes-Ivry

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OSCOW — Cruising from Moscow to St. Petersburg, with ship-based visits to both cities, sounded like a good way of glimpsing something of the real Russia beyond the tourist high spots — and avoiding the fabled rigors of Russian hotels. Our cruise was to take us through canals, rivers and lakes along part of the medieval trade route from the Black Sea to Scandinavia that had been opened to Western tourists last year.

It was a short drive from Moscow airport to the Nakom Pakhomov, a river boat more than 400 feet (72 meters) long and built in 1988-89 for high-ranking Soviet tourists, then modernized to Western standards by a Russian shipping company in a joint venture with Switzerland's International Cruise & Hotel Management and Berrier Enterprises of San Francisco.

The cabins turned out to be narrow and well short of luxurious. But dinner was reassuring: Western coisine served in generous portions by smiling Russian staff and prepared under Swiss or Austrian management, from ingredients shipped in from the West. So were drinks afterwards on the sunny deck, overlooking a peaceful tree-fringed ba-

After a hectic couple of days sightseeing in Moscow, the cruise got under way. My last-minute panic that the waterways of the czars might turn out to be lined with factories belching nameless substances subsided as we glided in bright sunshine through the Moscow-Volga canal. Everywhere we saw happy scenes of people enjoying themselves — swimming fishing or boating, walking hand-in-hand along the towpaths or picnicking along the edges of the silver birch forests that

were even more redolent of the great Russian novels than I'd dared to hope. Passing through the first lock was exciting. as we peered up the cliff-like walls to control buildings topped by statuary. One had miniature replicas of Columbus's galleons, gilded sails unfurled against the evening sky. Another was grim with Socialist Realist figures.

By the seventh lock we were on the Volga and the forests had given way to open country, with clusters of farms and, surrounded by flowery meadows, an onion-domed church in the process of being restored. A grimning elder-ly man on a bridge high above us flung armfuls of lilacs onto the deck to welcome us to Uglich, famous as the place where Ivan the Terrible's last surviving son may or may not have died falling on his dagger during an epileptic fit --historians suspect Boris Godunov of having

We walked from the ship along the leafy path to visit the ezarevitch's house and some of Uglich's churches, one picturesquely crowned with blue domes studded with golden stars. We were soon hailed by our first rural touts, less pushy country cousins of the mobs of postcard-vending kids flocking round Moscow's sights. Grimy postcards were thrust into our hands, some charmingly hand colored, others depressing vistas of workers' flats. While they chattered, peasant women stood quietly beside their menfolk, surrounded by buckets full of frail white daffodils, radishes and fat bunches of lilac.

Outside one fresco-filled church we were greeted by one of the folklore groups that are laid on in even the remotest spot when a tourist ship is in town. And in another manifestation of private enterprise Russian-style art students sold their paintings for a few

We returned to the ship to fill our cabins with lilacs and on deck to feast on radishes and vodka, with our binoculars trained on clearings in the dark forests. Wooden houses with neatly fenced-in vegetable gardens leaped into view. Occasionally, the forest gave way to dreary blocks of high-rise hous-

ing and factories, but mostly we saw cattle and sheep grazing peacefully. Beyond the Rybinsk Reservoir, the Volga took us to Goritzy, where we bounced along dirt roads in antiquated local buses to the huge Kirill-Belosersk monastery, founded by St. Cyril in 1397 and fortified in the 18th century. Despite the stern defensive towers. carpets of meadowsweet and buttercups inside the walls and the gently undulating rows of carving around the doorways made it seem

a place of peace, the only note of violence sounded by the Last Judgment scenes among the fine collection of icons in the refectoryturned-museum.

Next stop was Petrozavodsk, a dour town founded by Peter the Great as a cannon foundry. I slipped away to see what the shops in this provincial center could offer. No bread shortages apparently, but the one department store seemed depressingly like a bring-and-buy sale and the bookshop's stock was very

FTER this, Kizhi Island was paradise. Our route through Lake Onega had taken us way north of St. Peterburg to this tiny haven peopled with an open-air museum of carved wooden barns and houses, a windmill and a chapel, transported here to join an extraordinary Church of the Transfiguration, its roof a waterfall of 22 cupolas with scaly overlapping

A fiery sum sank languidly into the lake as we headed for the River Neva. We woke in St. Petersburg, where another busy sightseeing program awaited us. But we were berthed only a few minutes walk from a subway station, so we could easily explore the flourishing flea markets or mingle with the Nevsky Prospect crowds, an exhibitanting experience, but some-thing of a culture shock after our cruise way off the usual tourist beat.

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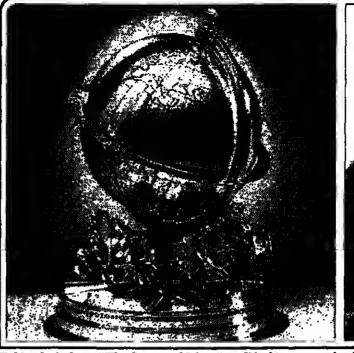




Table clock from "The Power of Maps" in Washington and a Heartfield photomontage, Dublin.

#### AUSTRALIA

Sydney
Powerhouse Museum (tel: 217.0111). To Jan. 31: "Strictly Success: Strictly Ballroom." A survey of the costumes, characters and creativity behind the musical "Strictly Ballroom," and the world of ballroom dance. dance.

#### **AUSTRIA**

KunstHaus (tel: 712.0495). To Jan. 31: "Expressionisten." More than 300 Expressionist watercolors, drawings and paintings.

Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig (tel: 782.550). To Jan, 31: "Rudolf Schwarzkogler." A survey of the Austrian artist's paintings, photography and graphic works.

#### BELGIUM

Musee d'Art Ancten (tel: 508.3211). To Dec. 31: "Un Chefdrawings, photos and documents showing the Belgian surrealist's creative process.

#### BRITAIN

London British Museum (tel: 323.8525). To Feb. 14: "The Wealth of the Indies: New Sources of Colnage in Renais-sance Europe." Examines the Impact of the new world on European coinage and the uses of money,
Tate Gallery (tel: 821,13,13), To
Jan. 10: "The Swagger Portrant."
Three centuries of British portraiture,
from Van Dyck to Augustus John.

Kunstmuseum (tel: 899,22,90). To Dec. 31: "Glass." Exhibition of Ju-gendstil and Art Deco classwork from the Hentrich Glassmuseum collection.

Musée d'Art Contemporain (tel: 873.28.78). To Jan. 17: "Michele Waquant." A presentation of the latest video installation, "La debacle des glaces," by the Quebec artist. The mixed-media work incoporates photography, painting and video. INDONESIA

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Musée des Arts Décoratifs (tel: 56.10.15.62). To Feb. 15: "Dolls of Yesterday, Creations of Today." A selection of dolls dating from the middle of the 19th century to present

Grand Palais (tel: 47.22.20.42). To Dec. 28: "Picasso et les Choses." More than 150 paintings, sculptures, drawings and reliefs, focusing on the

famous Spanish painter's technique with still lifes. Musée des Arts Décoratifs (tel: 42.60.32.14). To Feb. 28: "Design: Vignelli," Works by the Italian designers Lella and Massino Vignelli,

Neue Nationalgalerie (tel: 71,111). To Feb. 28; "Picasso: Die Zeit Nach Guernica." More than 100 paintings and drawings from the Spanish art-ist's series "The Time After Guerni-Düsseldorf

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World Trede Center (tel: 521.1125). To Feb. 28: "Raksasa." Indonesian sculptures spanning over a period of 10 centuries. Including Timor and North Samatra.

#### IRELAND

The Irish Museum of Modern Art (tel: 718.668). To Jan. 10: "John Heartfield." Photomontages which critique the nse of Hriter and right-wing ideologies in Germany and elsewhere. Includes a reconstruction of the first Dada room, exhibited in

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### Prinz (tel: 075.712.3900). To Jan. 24: "Javier Vallhonrat." More than 30 monochromes by the Spanish fash-ion photographer,

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#### SWEDEN

Stockholm Moderna Museet (tel: 666.42.50). To Jan, 6: "Fernand Leger and the Nordic Countries." Works by the French Cubist painter while he was traveling in Scandinavia in the 1920s and 1930s.

#### SWITZERLAND

Zurleh Kunsthaus (tel; 251 67,55). To Feb. 1: "Ernst Scheidegger." Photos, sculptures and paintings by the for-mer photographer for Magnum and Life magazine.

#### UNITED STATES

Cooper-Hewitt Museum (tel: 860.8868). To March 7: "The Power of Maps." More than 400 historic and contemporary maps dating from 1500 B, C, to the present. Guggenheim Museum (tel. 423,3500). To Jan. 24: "Robert Rauschenberg: The Early 1950s," Traces the development of three of the artist's distinct modes; Abstract Expressionist paintings; imagist col-lages and assemblages, and concep-tual works, Washington

The Textile Museum (tel: 232.7223). To Jan. 3: Textiles and the Tai Experience in Southeast the Hentrich Glassmuseum collection. practical and not so practical pur-Asia." Explores the role textiles play in Tai culture in the realms of religion, Museum für Sepulkralkultur (tel: Stedelijk Museum (tel: 573.29.11).

## Friends, Boors and Bores in the Air

By Roger Collis

LOT me into an airline seat next to an interesting looking neighbor with a gin and tonic and a backup copy of "War and Peace" and I'll abandon myself to screndipity. After all these years, and goodness knows how many expense-ac-count miles, my think bubble still fills with anticipatory asterisks and exclamation marks at the prospect of meeting someone new. I remain an unreconstructed Walter Mitty who

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has not yet accepted that the most interesting person on the plane is sure to be sitting two rows in front of me. Human contact — howver inhuman it can sometimes be -- is proba-

bly the last adventure left in air travel.

Not that Fate has always given n even break. As Sartre said, "Hell is other people." There was the man who spent six excruciating hours trying to sell me a corporate jet. And the long-distance life story:
"My life has been so interesting. I'll tell you
my story; all you have to do is write it up,
and we'll split the proceeds." (Even worse was boasting about being a writer only to meet a real novelist on a promotion tour for his new book — the kind where the author's

name is three times as big as the title.) But why do people have this urge to tell you their life story? And why are instant friendships always forgotten as soon as the wheels touch down? The truth is that nobody wants to remember. As Groucho said: never forget a face; but in your case I'll make

My theory is that the relationship between passengers sitting next to one another in a plane (especially on long flights) has a con-fessional element in it. Relaxed by food and drink and the prospect of never meeting your

captive companion again, you can unburden your soul without trepidation.

In the old days, before seats were assigned (at least on short trips) you had to target a promising seatmate in the departure lounge and follow him as her with the contraction. and follow him or her up the steps into the plane, and fling your briefcase onto the adja-cent seat with a disingenuous smile. "Is any-

one sitting here?" Nowadays, you're left to the mercy of the check-in clerk. On long flights I ask for an aisle scat so that I can escape from my seatmate or adopt a custodial stance as circumstances demand. "Shall we share a central table?" Or perhaps a more risque "Your armrest or mine?" are useful opening gam-

bits when drinks come round. Some people complain about getting shanghaied by in-flight bores. But they often have themselves to blame, Simple stratagems like putting on the headset or keeping the eyes closed for several minutes, or fiddling with your levels though do the trick with your laptop, should do the trick.

Invest in an apprade if you really want to meet a better class of person. Downgrade if you want to be alone. Four seats across in economy is the ultimate refuge.

Concorde is the ultimate upgrade - probably the best way to meet the high and the, mighty. "The 9:30 A. M. Concorde from New York to London is the most valuable flight in the world," says an investment banker. It may be the only time in your life you will get to meet folks like Michelle Pfeiffer or Lord Hanson, Britain's top corporate raider. "You rub shoulders with rich and powerful people ou the Concorde," says Robert Heller, the business author, "and if you rub long enough, some of the gold dust may come off on your shoulders."

One way to attract attention is to delve into a crowded briefcase (people can't resist taking a look at somebody else's belongings). You can lubricate this gambit with a conversation opener, like bundles of \$100 bills or a stuffed snake.

But don't make the same mistake as a former colleague of mine on a flight home from India. He showed a necklace he had

bought for his wife to the lady in the window

seat he had been trying to impress — this is a true story — which she graciously accepted. The ultimate conversation killer (not counting the necklace transfer) is to answer "What do you do?" with, "I'm in scaffolding." The classic defense — assuming you crave company — is to find another seat by standing in line for the toilet. You can't suddenly spot a long-lost friend as you

would at a cocktail party.

A solution might be to allow us to change seats halfway through a flight (a kind of musical chairs) so everybody gets the chance to meet somebody else. After all on an ultralong-haul flight you can be in the air for up to 15 hours. The next generation of 600-seat jumbos promised/threatened by Boeing and Airbus, will be airborne villages or towns,

with infinite scope for social congress.

Meanwhile, I think airlines should consider offering people more latitude (not to men-tion longitude) in choosing in-flight companions. One idea might be to use the reservation computer for a spot of computer dating. They would simply punch in your high-altitude likes and dislikes and match

you with a suitable scatmate. You might even see appeals like the fol-lowing in the personal column of the New York Review of Books:

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Do avoid children (they are usually up front in every cabin) - unless you want

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emergencies. If you don't have "War and Peace," pretend you're writing it.

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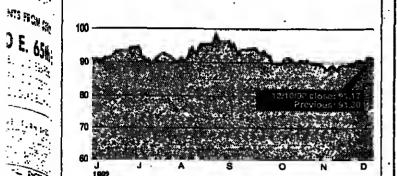
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#### WALL STREET WATCH

### 'Tis the Season Toymakers Turn the Movies Into Gold

By Kurt Eichenwald w York Times Service

EW YORK - It's white-knuckle season for America's toymakers. After months of planning and preparation, the Christmas shopping season is well under way, and there is little the toymakers can do now but sit back and

hope their long-formulated strategies pay off.

One of the most popular strategies is also one of the most risk-free: Figure out which big-budget children's movie is likely to be a hit and then tight to get the licensing agreement to make the toys based on the movie. That is why

many toymakers are envious of of the deal struck by Mattel Inc. with Walt Disney Co. to make the Mattel Disney des dolls and action figures based on the hit movie "Aladdin."

the Mattel-Disney deal on 'Aladdin' toys.

But what about other companies who hoped to profit from

"Aladdin" but have yet to get all their potential licenses? One such company, Just Toys Inc., went public in October after several years of rapidly growing sales, primarily in their Bend-Ems line of bendable character figures based on Disney movies.

With this focus, Just Toys executives could be understandably worried that they have yet to receive an "Aladdin" license for their successful Bend-Ems toys. It is not certain if they will.

For Just Toys, character licensing from successful movies and television programs was not only a good strategy, it was the single largest factor pushing the company's steep revenue climb since its founding in 1989. In the 1991 financial year, toys based on Disney movies made up more than 41 percent of company sales, as well as almost 55 percent of the sales for the first half of this year. The majority of those sales are in its Bend-Ems toy line.

Just Toys is a company that tapped into the right idea at the right time. The company first hit paydirt by getting a license for "The Little Mermaid," the 1989 release that was Disney's biggest animated hit in years. Disney did even better with "Beauty and the Beast," and Just Toy's sales jumped with the help of the toys based on that movie. Sales at Just Toys climbed from just over \$3 million in 1990 to \$13.7 million last year.

Building the company largely on Disney movies gives investors the comfort of knowing that many of the company's products were See TOYS, Page 13

## Norway Allows Krone to Float

By Carl Gewirtz nel Herold Tribuna

PARIS — Giving up a long fight to de-fend its currency, Norway floated the krone on Thursday.

The move failed to ignite the kind of tur-moil in the European Monetary System that was caused by the recent devaluations in Finland and Sweden. But currency analysts, dismayed at the outcome of the last meeting of the year by the Bundesbank's policy-making council, insisted that it was only a matter, of time until the European Community's sys-tem of fixed exchange rates came under renewed attack.

The German central bank indicated it was not near a reduction in its relatively high interest rates, which are keeping the Deutsche mark strong against other currencies.

The Norwegian move was essentially a devaluation, and the krone lost 5.5 percent of its value against the European currency unit in a day of hectic trading on European cur-Norway's decision came as leaders of the

European Community prepared to gather for a two-day summit meeting at which they will try to salvage their plans for greater political and economie cooperation, including the eventual creation of a single Europe-

While the Nordic countries are not EC members, their unpegging of fixed exchange rates against the European currency unit have catalyzed worries about the sustainabi-

rencies, all weakened against the Deutsche The Krone Loses

Its Battle Norwegian krone against the dollar 5.80 8.20

the Ecn as a prelude to joining the EC's European Monetary System.

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Since September, the British pound and the Italian fira have been withdrawn from the EMS, and the Spanish pesets and Portuguese escudo have been devalued.

Within the ERM, the Irish punt, widely regarded as the next most likely candidate for devaluation, and the Danish krone and the lity of the EC's exchange-rate mechanism. devaluation, and the Danish krone and the The Scandinavians pegged their currencies to French franc, still considered as suspect cur-

mark on Thursday. The European currency unit rose to 8.41 kroner on Thursday, from 7.97 on Wednesday. The dollar rose to 6.9380 kroner, from 6.4500 Wednesday and 5.5104 in early September.

Currency traders described Thursday's market as nervous but without enormous pressure. Dealers said they were trading only commer-cial orders and added that banks were not trading for their own accounts. Speculative pressure is expected to resurface once the yearend closing of the books and establishing annual bonuses had been completed.

Adding further caution, traders said, is the Edinburgh summit meeting. Expectations about the meeting are so low, said Ian Amstad at Bankers Trust Co. in London, that "the risk is there will be a surprise on the upside" that could contribute to alleviating tensions within the ERM.

But the mood in the market is that a new currency crisis is waiting to happen. "I wouldn't rule out pressures spilling over to the ERM," said Laurence Kantor, London-based economist at J.P. Morgan & Co.

The sense of foreboding increased, dealers agreed, following Thursday's meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council, which left German interest rates unchanged. In addinon, the strong rhetoric of the Bundesbank president, Helmut Schlesinger, about inflation concerns leaving no current room for a reduction in interest rates, convinced dealers that it was only a question of time until

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## **Bundesbank Lifts** M-3 Target but **Maintains Rates**

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank left interest rates unchanged Thursday at its board's last meeting of the year, disappointing other Europeans who have long hoped for rate relief.

But the German central bank adjusted its benchmark money-sup-ply target upward for 1993 in what

of growing flexibility.

The Dutch and Belgian central banks, confident of their strong currencies, went ahead and cut of-ficial interest rates even without German action. The Dutch lowered two of their three official rates by 0.25 of a percentage point while the Belgians cut some overnight

rates by 10 basis points.
Richard Reid, a senior economist at UBS/Phillips & Drew in Frankfurt, said German monetary policy for the time being was "on hold," adding, "and that is the message for the European exchange-rate mechanism as well." At its last meeting of the year,

their government subsidies, and the

calls by some U.S. interests for a

slowdown in the negotiations, it appears increasingly unlikely that any deal will he in place by Jan. 20,

the day Mr. Clinton takes office.

European officials sent word

Wednesday that their proposals

would not be ready as soon as they

Bot such industry representa-

tives as Michael Maibach, govern-

ment affairs director for Intel, com-

plained that the talks were moving

"We waited two-and-a-half years on agriculture," Mr. Maibach said.

and-a-half weeks on manufactur-

■ Japan Fears Friction

We think we need more than two-

Trade friction between Japan

and the United States may rise

soon after Bill Clinton enters the

White House, a senior Japanese

trade negotiator said in Tokyo,

had said earlier.

ahead too rapidly.

the Bundesbank board left the German discount and Lombard rates unchanged at 8.25 percent and 9.5 percent, respectively, and President Helmut Schlesinger repeated a familiar phrase when be said that the central bank had found "no reason

to lower rates."
"We're not at all out of hot water yet," he said, referring to high mon-ey supply growth and inflation rates. The German M-3 money supply was growing at an annual rate of 9 percent to 10 percent in the fourth quarter, well above the year's target range of 3.5 to 5.5 percent, Mr. Schlesinger said. Inflation for the year will average about 4 percent. the highest in 10 years, after aver-

aging 3.5 percent last year.
As expected, the Bundesbank raised its target for M-3 growth next year to a range between 4.5 and 6.5 percent. The adjustment should not be considered "a change of policy." Mr. Schlesinger said, but rather a pragmatic move to account for expectations of greater growth in Eastern Germany and an increase in the German value-added tax rate in 1993.

Representatives of German gov-ernment and industry welcomed the Bundesbank's new target as a sign of recognition that the economy was faltering. Mr. Schlesinger spoke of a likely stagnation in 1993, but declined to characterize the state of the economy as a recession. West Enropean nations, where farmers are staging demonstrations over fears that a trade pact will cut

Analysts said that Thursday's decisions indicated that German monetary policy would remain re-strictive until well into next year, as the Bundesbank waits for signs of fiscal and wage restraint from Bonn and from the country's powerful labor unions.

The Bundesbank needs something on which to hang the next easing." said Julian Callow, an economist at Kleinwort Benson Securities in London. They don't want to spend all their ammunition before

they see some signs of moderation."

Mr. Schlesinger reiterated the
Bundesbank's stance that the current exchange rate between the Deutsche mark and French franc was "appropriate," and Hans Tiet-meyer, the Bundesbank vice president, said the European Monetary System was fundamentally "in order, though minor tinkering with some of its mechanisms was under

Regarding the decision to leave interest rates unchanged, Mr. Tietmeyer said: "The Bundesbank always has the good stability within Germany and, as far as this is possible, for our oeighbors as well." A stable mark also serves the interests of France, he said.

But Gerhard Grebe, an econo mist at Bank Julius Bär in Frankfurt, said the franc would stay in the danger zone as long as French interest rates were kept high.

#### U.S. Banks Set Clinton Urged to Slow Free-Trade Talks

## Profit Record In 3d Quarter

WASHINGTON — U.S. com-mercial banks reported record profits for the third consecutive quarter as interest-rate margins remained vide, the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corp. announced Thursday. Commercial banks insured by the FDIC reported profit of \$8.5 billion in the third period. The re-sults were \$600 million above the previous record of \$7.9 billion set Commercial banks insured in the second quarter, and \$4.3 billion higher than a year earlier.

The \$24.1 billion in profit commercial banks recorded in the first nine months of this year is close to the full-year record of \$24.9 billion set in 1988. The FDIC surveyed the results from 11,590 commercial banks and 421 savings banks.

Savings banks insured by the FDIC reported an aggregate profit of \$354 million for the quarter, the third straight quarterly profit for this group of institutions after 11 bank profits were \$137 million higher than in the second quarter. "It's December and the elec-tion's over," said William Brandon,

president of the American Bankers See BANKS, Page 13

#### By Stuart Auerbach Washington Post Service WASHINGTON -- Congressio-Kawasaki Agrees to Pay IRS nal Democrats and representatives of major U.S. industries are pressing President-elect Bill Clinton to seek a

TOKYO - In a case that is likely to add to the controversy over whether foreign companies operating in the United States should pay more tax, Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. said Thursday that it had agreed to pay a large sum to the Internal Revenue Service because it allegedly underreported the U.S. profits on its motorcycle sales, Kawasaki refused to specify the amount it was paying, but at least

two Japanese press reports put the figure at about \$9.6 millie The development comes at a time of debate over whether foreign companies are cheating on their U.S. taxes. During his campaign, President-elect Bill Clinton vowed to raise \$45 billion in tax revenue by forcing foreign concerns to pay more.

That estimate drew scoffs for a grossly inflated estimate of what could be raised. But the IRS does contend that some foreign-owned multinationals avoid U.S. taxes by using accounting shenanigans to shift profits outside the United States.

In Kawasaki's case, for example, the IRS reportedly alleged that Kawasaki's U.S. subsidiary, Kawasaki Motors Corp., paid artificially high prices for motorcycles imported from its parent company in Japan, from 1979 to around 1985,

the usual anxieties that accompany the conclusion of complex trade negotiations. "It's going to be more difficult later to get a good result," on our side."

Intel Corp., the world's largest, as well as the motion-picture industry and other businesses that fear a She said the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Lloyd Bentsen, Democrat of Texas, who Trade Representative Carla A. Mr. Clinton named Thursday to be the free-trade talks past its expira-Hills dismissed the complaints as Treasury secretary, urged her on the free trade talks past its expira-

maker from the brink of failure,

Lee A. Iacocca is considering help-

ing turn around troubled Trans World Airlines, his spokesman said

The Chrysler Corp. chairman, who retires at the end of this

month, has been talking with the

airline's largest union about setting

TWA on a course to profitability and then overseeing day-to-day op-erations of the business, Brian Freeman, financial adviser to the

Machinists union, said Thursday. Mr. Iacocca said that he was not

interested in running a company

on Thursday.

Tuesday to try to conclude the trade talks as fast as she can.

Mr. Bentsen declined to comment on what advice he is giving Mr. Clinton on the trade issue. He reportedly told European leaders during a visit to Brussels late last month that Congress was unlikely to extend negotiating authority for

full-time, said the Chrysler spokes-

Mr. Freeman said that would fit

the arrangement that he and Mr.

Mr. Iacocca met Wednesday

Association of Machinists and

Aerospace Workers in a continuing

after TWA's owner, Carl C. Icahn,

relinquishes control, said Chrysler

officials and officials connected

Mr. Freeman approached Mr.

Iacocca in August about taking the top spot at TWA, which is trying to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. (AP, Reuters, NYT)

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Iacocca had been discussing.

man. Tom Houston.

Noborn Hatakeyama, vice min-ister for international affairs at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, said he was worried that Mr. Clinton's trade team would not discourage possible trade legislation under the socalled Super-301 provisions.

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## **Producer Prices Fall** As Jobs Data Improve

NEW YORK - U.S. wholesale prices fell in November for the first time in 10 months, the government reported Thursday, keeping the economy on a low-inflation track while the employment picture

The drop in the producer price index was 0.2 percent, although the largest factor was a 1.5 percent decline in energy prices, the baggest since January. There also was a 0.5 percent decline in food prices. Without these volatile factors, the index's core rate rose 0.1 percent. following a 0.1 percent drop in October.

So far this year, wholesale prices have risen only 1.4 percent, which gives the Federal Reserve maneuvering space to keep interest rates low as the economy improves. "Inflation is not a problem," said Edward Yardeni of C.J. Lawrence. His forecast for the core inflation next year is 2 percent. The oumbers will influence the consumer price

economists, predicted Thursday a 3.2 percent rise for the consum price index next year, more than a percentage point below recent years and just a shade above this year's expected 3 percent.

#### **Iacocca Considers Offer** Of a Rescue Job at TWA Compiled by Our Stuff From Disputches By Lawrence Malkin NEW YORK — A decade after leading the third-largest U.S. autoational Herald Tribuni

delay in global free-trade talks until

he takes office, according to Democratic and industry sources.

Mr. Clinton's aides, who met

Tuesday for the first time with cur-

rent trade officials, have sent to the

president-elect a sexies of option papers on the six-year, 108-nation Uruguay Round of global trade talks in preparation for his eco-nomic conference oext week in Lit-

The drive for delay is led by Senator Max Baucus, Democrat of

Montana, chairman of the Finance

Committee's subcommittee on

trade, and House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, Democrat of Missouri. They are concerned the

President George Bush will make too many concessions to wrap up a

deal before be leaves office in Janu-

The lawmakers are backed by

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index, due out Friday. It runs higher because of service costs.

Blue Chip Economic Indicators, in a consensus forecast of 51

Separately, the Labor Department reported that initial claims for unemployment pay fell by 38,000 during the week ended Nov. 28, but the large drop was partly caused by the Thanksgiving holiday. The total of 324,000 was the lowest level in more than three years.

### Delta Looks At Staff and **Dividend Cuts**

United Press International ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines, seeking to compensate for losses resulting from industry-wide fare discounting is considering layoffs and possibly dividend reductions to conserve precious cash, sirline sources said Thursday.

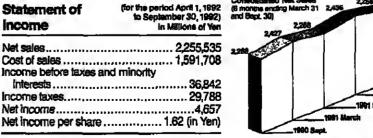
Staff cuts would most likely affect maintenance workers, reservation center workers, and some managers, said an executive of the third-largest U.S. airline.

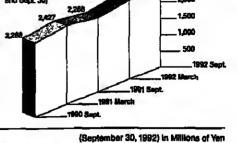
Another source close to the Delta board said some directors were calling on the board to consider scaling back dividends.

"There are several proponents of a dividend cut, both in management and among outside direc-tors," the source said. The source said these people

ensure that sacrifices necessary to restore Delta to profitability were shared by shareholders as well as Delta had planned to lay off 100 pilots by Dec. 1 and another 100 or

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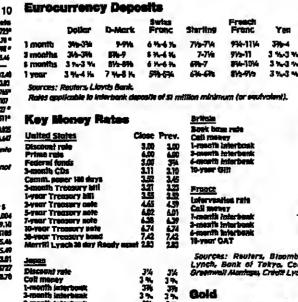
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## Dow and Nasdaq Ignore Upbeat Data

the counter shares dropped again. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

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age fell 11.62 points to 3.312.19, with \$1 declines in Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and Philip Morris Cos. accounting for much of the drop. The Nasdaq Combined Com-posite index fell 4.99. or 0.75 perccot, to 658.93,

Trading was active, with about 242 million shares changing hands on the New York Stock Exchange. compared with 230 million on Wednesday. Declining stocks outnumbered advancing issues by

about a 3-to-2 margin.

Bill Beise, a partner at Wessels.

Arnold & Henderson in Minneapolis. said. "A number of Nasdaq issues are falling apart and that's a telltale sign that the market is running out of steam." The index has recently been at all-time highs.

Compiled to Our Staff From Disputches

NEW YORK — Stock prices

Microsoft Corp., down 3 to 89,
played a big part in the Nasdaq moved lower Thursday on the New decline. The computer maker fell York Stock Exchange in heavy after an analyst at Donaldson Luftrading despite positive economic reports, while the Nasday Combined Composite Index of overcession in Europe and poor sales for some products.

The market started poorly, despite reports that jobless insurance laims plunged and inflation at the wholesale level fell.

First Chicago slid is to 33%. The 11th biggest U.S. bank set up a partnership with the investment banking firm Chicago Corp. to proride investment banking and underwriting services to corporate clients.

National Semiconductor fell 2% to 10% on disappointment about second-quarter earnings. Micro Warehouse, an initial public offering, closed 5½ above its initial offering price. Montgomery Securities priced 2.85 million com-

mon shares of the computer soft-ware maker at \$18 a share. IBM slumped 3s to 614 amid concerns it will slash its dividend. Hospitality Franchise ended 234 above its initial offering price of \$16.

(Bloomberg, UPI)

## KRONE: Norway Floats Currency

(Continued from first finance page) speculators resume their attack on the ERM.

High interest rates, imposed by Germany's cost of reunification, look increasingly unsustainable as impending recessioo in Germany and slowdown in the rest of Europe make it doubtful the rest of the EC can afford to keep rates so high.

While unemployment in Norway
is a relatively low 6 percent, com-

#### Foreign Exchange

pared with nearly II percent in Denmark and France, analysts said the devaluation was imposed because the fragility of the banking system made it impossible to sustain high interest rates. In addition, the devaluations in Finland and Sweden as well as the currency depreciations by Britain, Italy, Spain and Portugal had left Norwegian industry at a competitive disadvantage.

Concurrent with the decision to float the krone. Norway also reduced its overnight interest rate to lar, which closed at 123,650 years and 124,025, and at 1,4090 points. The application of extreme-11 percent, down 5 perceotage ly high interest rates for a long time had not reversed an outflow of currency which had begun in November, the Norwegian central bank said, adding, "The protective measures have not proved sufficient. and the central bank has concluded that further measures would not be

enough to stabilize the situation." Meaowhile, the Danish and Dutch central banks intervened to

Prime Minister Poul Schluter of Denmark said his currency was not in the same straits as the Norwegian unit. "I am sorry that the Norwegian crown gave in to pressure; the situation in Denmark is different." Reuters quoted him as saying.
"The Danish crown is strong and benefits from EMS participation."

#### Russia Rumors Aid Dollar The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark in U.S. trading Thurs-

day, as political trouble in Russia sent investors looking for more sta-ble currencies, news agencies reported from New York

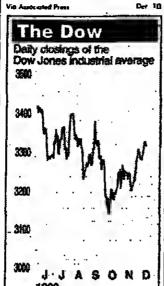
The dollar is often perocived as a safe haven from political and military unrest. The dollar rose to 1,5792 DM

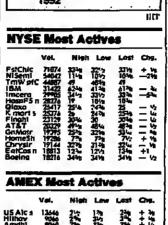
from 1.5736 on Wednesday, and it also rose to 5.3965 French francs from 5,3638. The pound slipped to \$1,5550 from \$1,5665. The Swiss and Japanese currencies, however, rose against the dol-

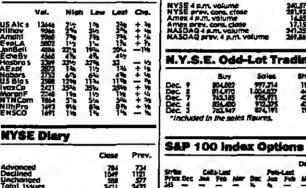
A surprising 0.2 percent drop in the U.S. producer price index for November helped undermine strong early gains by the dollar as the absence of any identifiable inflationary pressure means the chances of rise in official U.S. in-

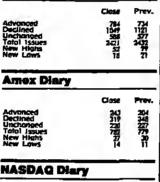
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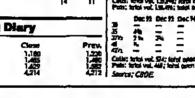
The dollar rose to 1.5795 DM from 1.5665 in London, although it remained subdued against the Jap-











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### Hewlett and Ericsson in Link

The Associated Press

PALO ALTO, California - In an attempt to marry their strengths, the U.S. computer maker Hewlett-Packard Co. and Stockholm-based phone-equipment maker Ericsson unveiled Thursday a joint venture to develop

and market phone network-management systems.

The new company, Ericsson Hewlett Packard Telecommunications AB, will be 60 percent owned by Ericsson and 40 percent owned by HP. Startup is planned early in 1993. The venture is subject to European

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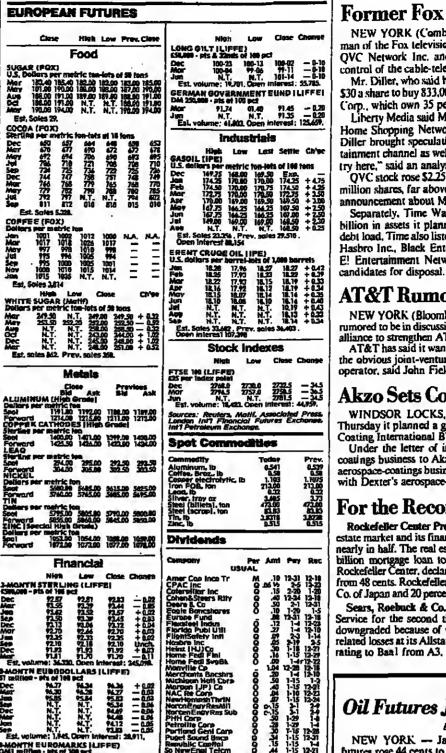
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#### Former Fox Chief Takes QVC Stake

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Barry Diller, former chair, man of the Fox television network, agreed to buy \$25 million of stock in QVC Network Inc. and join with two major shareholders in seeking control of the cable-television retailer, the company said Thursday.

Mr. Diller, who said he was seeking the QVC chairmanship, would pay
\$30 a share to buy \$33,000 shares from Comcast Corp. and Liberty Media
Corp., which own 35 percent of QVC shares.

Liberty Media said Monday it would buy an 80 percent votiog stake in Home Shopping Network Inc., a rival to QVC. But the arrival of Mr. Diller brought speculation that QVC could be expanded into an enter-tainment channel as well. "Diller has created networks before. He could try here," said an analyst who asked not to be identified.

QVC stock rose \$2.25 a share, to 33, on Thursday, and volume was 1,8 million shares, far above the three-month average of 261,000 a day. The announcement about Mr. Diller's stake came after the market closed Separately, Time Warner Inc. listed its stake in QVC as part of \$3 billion in assets it planned to sell or exchange to reduce its \$16 billion debt load. Time also listed holdings in Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc., Hasbro Inc., Black Entertainment Network, Whittle Communications. E! Entertainment Network, Six Flags Corp. and Comedy Central as candidates for disposal. (Reuters, AFX, Bloomberg) candidates for disposal.

#### AT&T Rumored to Seek Cable Ally

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. is rumored to be in discussions with Tele-Communications Inc. on forging an alliance to strengthen AT&T's position in the cable-television industry. AT&T has said it wants greater access to the cable-TV industry. TCl is the obvious joint-venture candidate, as the biggest American TV cable operator, said John Field, an analyst at Hanifen, Imhoff Inc.

#### Akzo Sets Coatings Link With Dexter WINDSOR LOCKS, Connecticut (Reuters) — Dexter Corp. said Thursday it planned a global alliance for aerospace coaulngs with Akzo

Coating International BV, part of Akzo NV. Under the letter of intent, Dexter will transfer its U.S.-based coil-coatings business to Akzo in exchange for cash plus Akzo's U.S.-based aerospace-coatings business. Akzo's aerospace business will be combined

## with Dexter's aerospace-coatings business in the United States.

## For the Record

Rockefeller Center Properties Inc., citing the depressed Manhattan real estate market and its financial commitments, slashed its quarterly dividend nearly in half. The real estate investment trust, whose main asset is a \$1.3 billion mortgage loan to Rockefeller Group, the partnership that owns Rockefeller Center, declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share, down from 48 cents. Rockefeller Group is 80 percent-owned by Mitsubishi Estate Co. of Japan and 20 percent-owned by the Rockefeller family. (Bloomberg) Sears, Roebuck & Co. had its bond rating cut by Moody's Investors Service for the second time in three months, with \$15 billion of debt downgraded because of weakness in its retail operation and burricane-related losses at its Allstate Insurance unit. Moody's cut Sears senior debt

#### Oil Futures Jump on Supply Fears

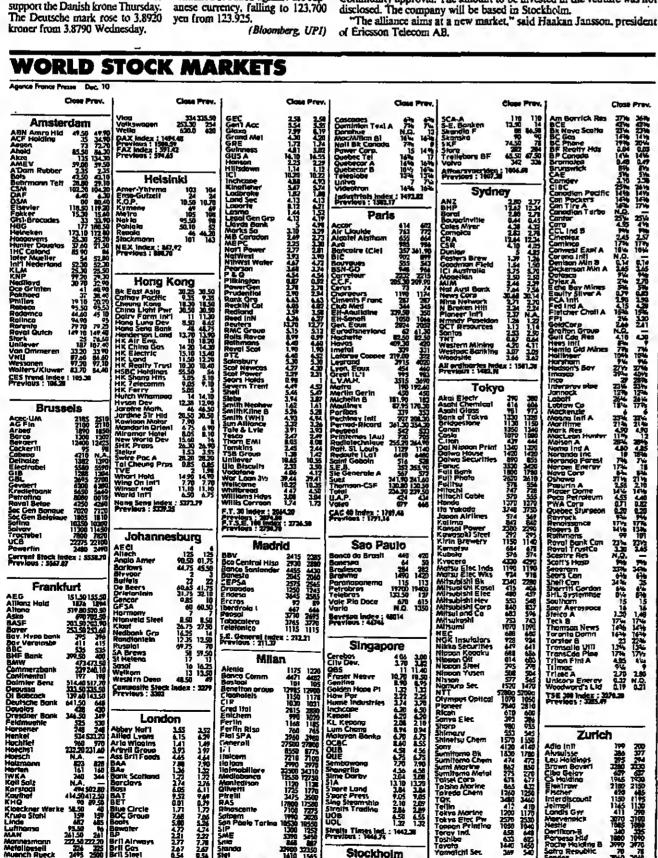
NEW YORK — January West Texas Intermediate crude-oil futures rose 44 cents to \$19.28 a barrel on Thursday, in the wake of reports suggesting falling output, analysts said. The advance was spurred by reports, later denied by National Iranian Oil Co., that Iran would cut production and by concerns that Russian programs to restructure the oil industry may be disrupted by the coming referendum.

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## VW Doomed to Be GM of the 1990s?

By Ferdinand Protzman New York Times Service

BONN - When automotive analysts talk about which European car company stands the best chance of competing on a global basis with Japan's auto manufacturers, Volkswagen AG is the name most frequently

Over the year, however, that status has been croded by a host of problems at Volkswagen, Europe's largest automotive concern. Sales and production are still rising but have slowed markedly during the year. And American sales have fallen substantially over the last few years, with no end in sight.

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Volkswagen was forced to put about 12,000 workers at two of its German plants on short shifts recently. The company's production costs are persistently among the highest in the European motor industry, which gnaws away profit. Its earnings are slumping and some analysts are even forecasting a loss for next year.

Rather than speculating about how Volks-wagen will fare against the Japanese, some are now wondering how the German giant will avoid turning into the General Motors Corp. of the 1990s.

"That is a real danger," said Daniel Jones, professor of motor-industry management at Cardiff University in Wales. "There is a strong parallel in the dinosaur-like quality of Volkswagen's operations and management. Both GM and Volkswagen have these huge management bureaucracies that do not accept there will have to be fundamental changes in their company if they are to compete in the future.

Solving the problems will fall to Ferdinand Piech, the former head of Audi AG, a Volkswagen subsidiary, who will take over from the

chairman, Carl Hahn, on Jan. l. Mr. Piech has yet to outline his plans publicly. But company officials insist the situation is under control.

The executives are also facing problems at Volkswagen's headquarters in Wolfsburg, a classic, one-company city of 128,500 in the state of Lower Saxony. The state government

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owns about 20 percent of VW's stock, and the main plant, at Wolfsburg, has developed a global reputation as a white elephant.

There is no other automobile production plant left on the planet like VW's headquar-ters in Wolfsburg," Mr. Jones said. "Most producers now have smaller, flexible facilities where they try to practice lean production techniques." At Wolfsburg Mr. Jones explained, VW has some 60,000 people on five production lines in a building nearly one and a quarter miles (2 kilometers) long, all making the same product. "It's remarkably ineffi-

Mr. Jones believes the company will have to shed 20,000 to 30,000 jobs to stay competitive, including many of its middle managers. Be-cause of the excessive bureaucracy, it takes Volkswagen about seven years to introduce a new model, compared with three to four years at other car companies, industry analysis said Volkswagen expects to sell 3.5 million cars worldwide this year, its highest annual total and up from 3.13 million in 1991.

But, because of VW's high production costs, profit is expected to slip to 600 million Deutsche marks (\$390 million) in 1992, from 1.11 billion DM (\$705 million) last year. Although the company does not release its operating earnings, industry analysts say operations will produce a loss of more than 790 million DM this year.

Analysts do not like the look of VWs future. New car registrations in Germany have been falling this year, a trend that is seen continuing through the first half of 1993.

Prospects are worse in the United States, the world's largest car market, where most German automakers are struggling. Since 1987, their share of the American market has fallen from 4.5 percent, or about 500,000 cars, 10 2.7 percent, or just over 250,000.

The developments have taken a toll on

Volkswagen's share price. After reaching a high in May of 410 DM on the Frankfurt stock exchange, the stock fell to a low early this month of 249.50 DM and closed on Thursday at 253.30 DM.

"All the news for Volkswagen has been bad of late," said Hubert Verhulen, auto analyst at West Capital in Düsseldorf, "But I am not recommending investors sell. If the global market improves in the latter half of 1993, then Mr. Fiech will have more room to ma-

"We are not in a crisis," Daniel Gocudevert, the head of the company's Volkswagen division, said recently. "But we are facing a critical year."

Asset-quality problems eased at

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## Major Hurdle Seen To a GATT Accord

GENEVA - Senior diplomats and occotiators said Thursday that a potentially serious new obstacle temove barriers to free trade. had surfaced that could block completion of a wide-ranging world trade treaty by the end of the year.

According to the officials in several missions working with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the United States has begun suggesting it is not ready to accept the creation of a Multilateral Trade Organization, or MTO.

"If the U.S. is really putting into estion the whole idea of the MTO with all the elements that are good, then that is a very serious problem," a senior European Community official said.

Envoys from several other conntries in the 108-nation Uruguay Round negotiations said they were also alarmed.

"This is very concerning to us," said an ambassador from a Latin American country that is a major exporter. The MTO is a vital part of the overall deal." There was no immediate com-

ment from the U.S. mission to GATT. But diplomatic sources said the development could reflect cither U.S. environmental concerns or fears that the U.S. Congress might find the MTO unacceptable. Some environmental groups say an accord on an MTO with enforce-

ment powers would compel many countries to scale down laws on protecting the environment in order to But senior trade diplomats said

they believed U.S. concerns on the MTO could lie elsewhere. They suggested that the issue could be compared with problems that arose when major economics sought to create an International Trade Organization after World

War II. At that time, the U.S. Con-

gress made clear it would oot ac-

cept an ITO because this would

encroach on its prerogatives. As a result, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which was to have formed the textual code of rules and tariff concessions for the ITO, was converted into a provisional body without legal status.

As defined in the draft "final act" for the Uruguay Round, pro-posed last December by the GATT director-general, Arthur Dunkel, the MTO would be a fully-fledged international organization.

Membership would involve acession to a treaty, which would have to be approved by national parliaments, incorporating all GATT accords, including all the results of the Uruguay Round.

Diplomats said this could effec-tively remove Washington's right to take unilateral action against trade partners it saw as violating

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#### Very briefly:

 Pikington Group PLC, the diversified glassmaker, said pretax profit fell by 67 percent in the six months to Sept. 30, to £17.7 million (\$28 million). from £54.6 million a year earlier, and announced that it would sell its U.S.-based Sola lenses subsidiary.

· Eurotunnel PLC said its talks with Transmanche Link about cost overruns were continuing, and denied French press reports that TML broke off negotiations with Eurotunnel on Nov. 30.

Neste Markkinointiyhtiot, part of Finland's Neste Oy, is to restructure with a possible loss of 100 to 250 jobs in 1993 and 1994, Neste said.

• The Romanian Commodity Exchange reopened after a 63-year break during Communist rule in Bucharest with the sale of \$1,500-worth of calf leather as the only recorded transaction.

 DAF NV's British financing unit Truck Funding PLC has repackaged £180 million of its short-term debt into floating-rate notes due 1997 through London-based UBS/Philips & Drew.

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year on record The FDIC attributed the record profits to a historically wide margin between interest rates banks pay for deposits and the rates they earn on their assets, which include loans and securities. Banks with more than \$100 million in assets had an average interest-rate margin

The yield on a 10-year Treasury note is now about 330 basis points above the yield on a six-month Treasury bill. "We have never seen such a steep

yield curve in the history of the FDIC," an FDIC official said. Bank lending to consumers increased for the first time in 18

third quarter, ending six consecu tive quarters of loan shrinkage. cally large difference between While residential mortgage and short- and long-term interest rates. coosumer iostallment loans showed strong gains, commercial and industrial loans declined by \$6.6 billion, the FDIC said.

Commercial banks continue to plough money into securities in-stead of loans to industry. The banks holdings of mortgagebacked securities increased by \$12.1 billion, while Treasury secu-rities on their books increased by months, a sign that the economy is improving. Loans and leases regis-tered a \$3.7 billion increase in the \$10 billion.

list declined by 47, to 909 at the end of the third quarter. But combined assets of problem banks, now at \$487.9 billion, were about \$87 billion higher than in last year's third quarter. The combined assets of problem banks have risen from \$174 billion in 1985.

The FDIC is particularly con-cerned about banks in California and the Northeast that have significant commercial real estate expo-

### Minister Promises Aid For French Real Estate

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

PARIS - Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Thursday the government would announce measures to support France's real estate market late next week. He did not specify what relief would be offered. Real estate prices in France have alamped since the late 1980s, especially in the Paris office market, and bankruptcy among professional property investors has ballooned. French banks, whose loans to the property sector stand at around 300 billion francs (\$55.93 billion), have been stung by the crisis.

Mr. Sapin said the real estate measures would form part of an overall package to bolster the economy and would appear in the Finance Act for 1993.

The president of the French banking association, Michel Freyche, said late Wednesday that banks had made proposals to Mr. Sapin who had listened carefully. The La Tribune Desfosses financial newspaper reported that among the proposals was a measure to create a savings plan to raise funds to refinance developers and others with heavy exposure to the depressed real estate sector.

The general view is that the minister will introduce technical

measures applying to real estate professionals and will not change arrangements, such as tax allowances for rent receipts, directly affecting the public. Many analysts said investors should be entitled to set losses on property against overall income. This allowance was abolished in 1974. (Reuters. AFP) (Reuters, AFP)

## Guinness, LVMH Take Hit

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Shares of Guinness PLC and LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vinitton SA extended their losses Thursday as analysts cut their profit forecasts amid concerns about slowing growth.

Colin Humphreys, an analyst at Panmure Gordon & Co., cut his 1992 pretax profit outlook for Guinness to £960 million (\$1.5 billion) from £920 million, after the brewer met with analysis Wednesday. "If there isn't much volume growth, and you're committed to selling

premium brands, you need to be able to adopt a strong pricing policy," he said. But pursuing an aggressive pricing policy would be difficult for Guinness, he added, given lower inflation and the recession.

Guinness shares finished 21 pence lower at 481. In Paris, LVMH shares

ended 175 francs (\$32.62) lower at 3,515. Guinness owns 24.6 percent of LVMH, which is turn owns about 25 percent of Guinness. Other British breweries fell as well, with Bass PLC off 6 pence at 605, Allied-Lyons PLC down 14 peace to 615, and Whitbread PLC 3 peace lower at 447. Grand Metropolitan PLC, however, rose 10 peace to 430 as

stors switched from Guinness.

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of 4.45 percent in the third quarter. Bank interest rate margins re-

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almost guaranteed success. That feeling of safety is reflected in its stock price: After going public at \$10.50 a share in October, Just Toys stock has climbed to a high of \$17.50 this year, and was trading Wednesday at \$15.50, up 50 cents, oo the over-the-counter market.

While the company has been granted a license to make wind-up toys based on the Aladdin movie, that is a new product for Just Toys and does oot have the track record of Bend-Ems. In addition, the new toy will oot be on the market until January, after the Christmas rush. And kids can already buy "Aladthe same quality, with children's meals at Burger King restaurants.

The lack of the license cannot be id to a management mistake at Just Toys. Like many toymakers, the company gets such licenses at the whim of Disney, Mattel, which pays Disney buge sums for its mas-ter license, is almost certainly interested in pressing Disney to keep Aladdin toys from competitors out of the market as long as possible.

TOYS: 'Tis the Season to Turn the Movies Into Gold

But executives with Just Toys are not sweating yet. Just Toys, they say, has an entrepreneurial bent

because of its small size, giving the company the ability to move quick-

For example, according to Rose Evangelista, president of Just Toys, the company has shipped about 250,000 of a new toy called Talk 'n View Magic Mirror," a mirror that by to capture market miches and features talking characters from take advantage of existing licenses. "Beauty and the Beast."

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Which has more employees: the EC bureaucracy in Brussels or the Scottish Office in London? See the IHT's advertising section on THE SINGLE MARKET.

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## TURKISH AIRLINES

## ANNOUNCEMENT

In order to renew its fleet - comprised of 9 D.C. 9 and 7 Boeing 727 planes- Turkish Airlines has decided to lease Boeing 737-400 planes. Proposal made by the leasing companies concerning the aforementioned transaction, will be evaluated according to the prerequisites given below:

 Planes in question are thought to be leased between the dates of March 1993 - June 1994.

· Planes must be brand new (not even one flight experience is accepted) and shall be delivered to Turkish Airlines by Boeing.

 The most convenient leasing dates will be the decisive factor for Turkish Airlines Inc., to select its partners for the leasing procedures in question.

 Leasing period will be for 10 years for all planes and the payments are to be monthly.

 Deadline for all proposal's, 25 December till 5:00 p.m. Evaluation of all propositions will have ended on 30 January 1993.

 All proposals, for the leasing in question, are to be made directly by the company that owns the planes, to Turkish Airlines. All proposals made by the representatives will be disregarded.

 All planes must have the configurations asked by Turkish Airlines Incorporated. After having been presented the desired specifiations, Turkish Airlines, will hand them over to the appropriate persons, who will take over thereof.

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#### INTERMARKET FUND

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Messieurs les actionnsires sont priés d'ansister à

#### l'ASSEMBLEE GENERALE EXTRAORDINAIRE de la acciété qui se tiendes au siège accial, le 22 décembre 1992 à 9h30 et qui délibérera sur l'ordre du jour suivant:

ORDRE DU JOUR L Modifications des statuts de manière à:

A) 1) Modification du <u>premier</u> paragraphe de l'article 3 des statuts pour lui donner la teneur suivante;

L'objet cuclusif de la Société est de placer les fonds disponibles en valeurs mobilières de tous geures, en vue d'une répartition des risques d'investissement et pour faire bénéficier ses actionnaires des résultats de la gestion de son portefeuille.

2) Suppression du traisième paragraphe de l'article 3 des statuts.

B) Modification de l'article 16 des statuts pour lui donner la teneur suivante:

Le conseil d'administration, appliquent le principe de la répartition des risques, a le pouvoir de déterminer l'orientation générale de la gestion et la politique d'investissement ainsi que les lignes de conduite à stavre dans l'administration de la Société.

Le conseil d'administration fixera également toutes les restrictions qui seront applicables aux investissements de la Société, comprensent sans limitation des restrictions relatives

a) aux emprants de la Société et à la mise en gage de ses avoirs;
 b) au pouveratage maximum de ses avoirs qu'elle peut investir aous n'importe quelle forme ou sorte de valeurs mobilières et au pouveratage maximum de n'importe quelle forme ou sorte de valeurs mobilières qu'elle peut acquérir;
 c) si et dans quelle mesure la Société peut investir dans d'autres organismes de placement collectif. Dans ce contexte, la Société ne peut acquérir des actions ou des parts d'un organisme de placement collectif de type ouvert que dans le cadre des conditions et restrictions mivantes:

restrictions suivantes:

(i) cet organisme de placement collectif est un organisme de placement collectif en valeurs mobilières tel que visé par la directive du Conseil du 20 décembre 1985 (85/611/CEE) portent ecordination des dispositions législatives, réglementaires et administratives concernant certains organismes de placement collectif en valeurs mobilières;

(ii) l'investissement dans les actions d'une société d'investissement de type ouvert à laquelle la Société est liée dans le cadre d'une communanté de gestion ou de contrôle ou par une importante participation directe ou indirecte, ou dans les parts d'un fonds commun de placement de type ouvert géré par une société à laquelle la Société est liée dans le cadre d'une communanté de gestion ou de contrôle ou par une importante participation directe ou indirecte, sera permis seulement (i) dans le cas d'une société d'investissement ou d'un fonds commun de placement qui, conformément à ses règlements, s'est spécialisé dans l'investissement dans un secteur géographique ou économique particulier et (ii) si aucune commission ni aucun frais n'est porté en compte pour les transactions relatives à cet investissement;

(iii) nucun investissement dans un organisme de placement collectif de twee ouvert ne neut aveir lieu s'il n pour conséquence une la

(iii) sucum investissement dans un organisme de placement collectif de type ouvert ne peut avoir lieu s'il n pour conséqui valeur de tous les placements dans ces organismes de placement collectif excède 5 % de ses avoirs nets totaux.

Le conseil d'administration peut décider que des investissements de la Société seront faits (i) dans des valeurs mobilières admises à la cote officielle d'une bourse de valeurs dans n'importe quel Etat Membre de la Commananté Economique Européenne, (ii) dans des valeurs mobilières admises à la cote officielle d'une bourse de valeurs mobilières négociées sur un autre Etat membre de l'OCDE, d'Asie, d'Océanie, des confinents américains et d'Afrique, (iii) dans des valeurs mobilières négociées sur un autre marché réglementé dans tout Etat Membre de la Commananté Economique Européenne ou un des autres Etats memiornés ci-dessus, étant entendu qu'un tel marché doit avoir un fonctionnement régulier et doit être recouns et ouvert au public, (iv) dans des valeurs mobilières nouvellement émises sons réserve que les conditions d'émission comportent l'engagement de faire une demande d'admission à la cote officielle d'une quelconque bourse de valeurs ou d'un quelconque autre marché réglementé visé ci-dessus et que cette admission soit obtenue dans un délai d'un an à partir de l'émission, amsi que (v) dans toutes autres valeurs mobilières, instruments ou autres avoirs dans le cadre des restrictions qui seront déterminées par le conseil d'administration en conformisé avec les lois et règlements applicables.

La Société peut cependant, en vertu de l'Article 43 de la loi luxembourgeoise du 30 mars 1988 sur les organismes de placement collectif, investir jusqu'à 100 % des avoirs nets dans différentes émissions de valeurs mobilières émises ou garantes par un Etat Membre de la Communauté Economique Européeane, par ses collectivités publiques territoriales, par un Etat qui fait partie de l'OCDE ou par des organismes internationaux à caractère public dont font partie un ou plusieurs Etats Membres de la Communauté Economique Européeane et en ce cas, la Société doit détauir des valeurs appartement à six émissions différentes au moins, sans que les valeurs appartement à une même émission puissent excéder 30 % du montant total des actifs nets de la Société.

C) Modification du premier paragraphe de l'Article 23 pour lui donner la teneur suivante: "La Valeur Nette des actions de la société sera déterminée périodiquement, selou que le conseil d'administration en décident, mais au moins deux fois par prois, (le jour lors duquel la Valeur Nette sera déterminée, étant désigné dans les présents statuts comme jour d'évaluation), et sous la réserve que si le jour d'évaluation n'est pas un jour ouvré à Luxembourg, il serait reporté soit au jour ouvré suivant, soit au jour ouvré précédent".

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Ill.Nomination de deux administrateurs.

Il est porté à l'anention des actionnaires que le quorum requis pour les résolutions est de 50% des actions en circulation et que les résolutions y afférentes peuvent être votées par une majorité des 2/3 des actions représentées. Pour être prises en considération, les procupations doivent être reques au siège de la société au plus tard à 17 heures la veille de l'assemblée générale. Les détenteurs d'actions au porteur sont requis de déposer leurs actions auprès de la Banque Internationale à Luxembourg, 2, boulevard Royal, Luxembourg ou auprès de la Banque Arabe et internationale d'Investissement, 12, Place Verdême, 75001 Paris.

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## A British Farewell to Tokyo

### **Broker Quits Hard-Won Seat on Exchange**

TOKYO — County NatWest Securities Japan Ltd., a subsidiary of National Westminster Bank PLC, said Thursday that it would give up its hardwon seat on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, becoming the first foreign member of the exchange to abandance and administrative declarates. don Tokyo's declining market.

County NatWest, a midsized British securities house, was offered a seat on the exchange in December 1987 after the British government threatened to remove licenses from Japanese financial firms in London unless Tokyo admitted more British members. The stock exchange eventually gave seats to 25 foreign companies out of a total of 124 member firms.

County NatWest's decision to return its seat will add ammunition to the often-heard Japanese complaint that foreign companies are not in for the long hanl when they enter Japanese markets. The last time a brokerage gave up a seat on the Tokyo Stock Exchange was a Japanese company in 1968.

"We have been up against extremely large and powerful competitors in a market that has not been growing over the last two years," said Scott Dob-bie, joint chairman of County NatWest.

After reviewing its global operations, County NatWest decided it was not as competitive in Japanese stocks as it was in the United States, Britain and Australia, the company said. The banking and bond business in Japan of

County NatWest and the rest of the National Westminster group is profitable, and is unaffected by the retreat from Japanese stocks, it said.

Mitsui Sato, deputy president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, said he understood County

NatWest's decision but was concerned that other foreign brokerages might give up their seats.

If County NatWest cannot find another firm to buy its seat, the Tokyo Stock Exchange, which is

shready hurring financially, will have to buy it back for 458 million yen (\$3.69 million). County NatWest paid 1.1 billion yen to obtain the seat. Japan's longest stock slump in 30 years forced County Nat West to return the prestigious seat and close its Japanese equity division.

While some foreign brokerages have succeeded in Japan by branching into futures and options, companies that depend on commissions, such as County NatWest, are suffering. Commissions have slowed to a trickle, with volume down 83 percent and prices off 55 percent from their peak levels in

1988 and 1989. County NatWest laid off 70 of the 80 workers in its Japanese equities division. The equities desk will wind down its activities during the next few months, said Kevin Jameson, country manager for National Westminster.

The layoffs were announced at a morning meeting to "dumbfounded" employees, said an employee at County NatWest who spoke on condition of

The cuts include about 60 Japanese and about 10 non-Japanese staff and are effective immediately. The move will leave National Westminster and County NatWest operations with about 150 employees in Japan in areas including capital markets, U.S. Treasury markets, corporate banking and investment management.

"What's driving this is our view of the world and what we're good at," Mr. Jameson said. "This is about focusing on what we do best."

would threaten its food security. After meeting with Mr. Tanabu, Mr. MacSharry said that every country had sensitive products, but that these still needed to remain on the table for discussion when the GATT talks resume in Geneva next

> On Tuesday in Washington, Mr. Tanabu told the U.S. trade repre-

Top Japanese officials sent

mixed signals Thursday on the

conciliation in Tokyo.

Agriculture Minister Masami

Tanabu described his discussions

with the EC farm commissioner,

This would be done by converting

nontariff barriers into tariffs, which

would then be gradually reduced as

required by a world trade accord being negotiated under the General

Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

But Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe, who also is deputy prime minister, was quoted telling domestic business leaders that Ja-

pan ought to accept the interna-tional demand that it lift its long-

standing ban on rice imports.
He said this should be done to

promote a conclusion to the Uru-guay Round of global trade talks. Last week, Prime Minister Kiichi

Miyazawa hinted that Japan might

relax its ban on rice imports for the sake of the trade talks. He said that

Tokyo would continue to seek

Japan has said it cannot allow

rice imports because such a move

changes in the plan, however.

# Tokyo Aides \$86 Billion Package Out of Sync Aimed at Reviving On Rice Ban Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Torn Incompress of Stringly Const.

By Paul Blustein

country's rice-imports policy, with the agriculture minister taking a tough stance in talks in Brussels Washington Past Service TOKYO - Japan's parliament delivered Thursday night a long-awaited dose of stimulus to the and the foreign minister urging nation's slumping economy, approving an \$86 billion package of public works and other spending

Ray MacSharry, as "difficult," and stressed the political dangers of opening the Japanese rice market. Coming after weeks of delay, enactment of the budgetary package is sure to be welcomed not only at home but abroad, since the spending of vast sums for road repair, housing and small-business loans should boost Japanese growth modestly and, indirectly, lift the

ailing global economy a bit as well. But Japan's economic outlook remains so poor that maneuvering has already begun to shape a new package of stimulative measures, possibly including a sizable tax cut for consumers.

A mounting chorus of private economists, business leaders and government officials has been declaring in recent days that the emergency package approved Thursday, which applies to the current fiscal year ending in March 1993, must be supplemented by another set of measures for the next fiscal year, lest Japan's recession linger.

This is a step in the right direction," said Peter Morgan, an economist in Merrill Lynch's Tokyo of-fice. "But given the pervasive weakness we're seeing in both business capital spending and consum er spending, we're looking for an income-tax cut next year on the order of 3 trillion yen (about \$24 billion), additional increases in public spending and further mone-

tary easing." Even an official of the notorioussentative, Carla A. Hills, that Japan by tight-fisted Ministry of Finance did not plan to drop its opposition to import tariffs. (AFP, Reuters)

ius was likely to be necessary. Jiro Saito, director-general of the minis-try's Budget Bureau, told a parliamentary committee that the ministry would propose increasing public-works expenditures in liscal 1993 above the current-year level, including the emergency measures, according to press reports.

Robert Feldman, chief economist at Salomon Brothers' Tokyo office, predicted that the package passed Thursday would add "a hitie more than a percentage point" to Japan's gross national product. raising growth to 3 percent in 1993 from what would otherwise have been an anemic 2 percent.

With its overall government budget, including that of local govern-ment, in surplus, Japan is far better positioned than the deficit-ridden United States to use budgetary measures to pull itself out of reces-sion. But Tokyo has been slow to

act decisively.

Last April, the government sought to spur the economy by accelerating some public-works projects. But that move was widely de-rided as ineffective, and as the economy continued its slide during the summer, pressure mounted from the business community and from foreign governments.

Then in August, the government proposed the \$86 billion stimulus package, which was greeted by a

sharp stock-market rally. The package includes \$27 billion in public-works spending by the national government and \$6.4 billion in such spending by local governments. It also includes \$6.4 billion in such spending by local governments. It also includes \$6.4 billion in such spending by local governments. It also includes \$6.4 billion in such spending by local governments. lion more for housing construction, \$4.4 billion for construction of research facilities and about \$17 billion in lending to businesses mostly small — by government fi-nancing institutions.

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#### **Very briefly:**

Hong Kong stocks had another loss as China and Britain reported their failure to reach any agreement on their political dispute during three days of talks, with the Hang Seng index closing 65.46 points lower at 5.273.79. • Australia's unemployment rate rose to a post-World War II high of 11.4 percent in November, after 11.3 percent a month earlier; a year ago, unemployment stood at 10.5 percent.

· Sanyo Electric Co. will start making air-conditioners in a joint venture with China next month; the company, to be based in Shenyang, is to produce 60,000 units the first year, and 400,000 a year by 1997.

 Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. will begin making 50-inch (128-centimeter) and 58-inch television sets at its plant in Illinois from April. • North Broken Hill Peko Ltd., the Australian mining and paper maker. bought Girdlestone Pumps Ltd., the British pump maker with sales of about 20 million dollars (\$14 million) a year; no price was disclosed. • The Westpac-Melbourne Institute's leading index of economic activity for Australia fell 1.6 percent in October, after a revised increase of 0.4 percent for September.

· Japan plans to improve its foreign investment insurance plan to promote untied loans to, and equity investment in, developing countries. UPI, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP

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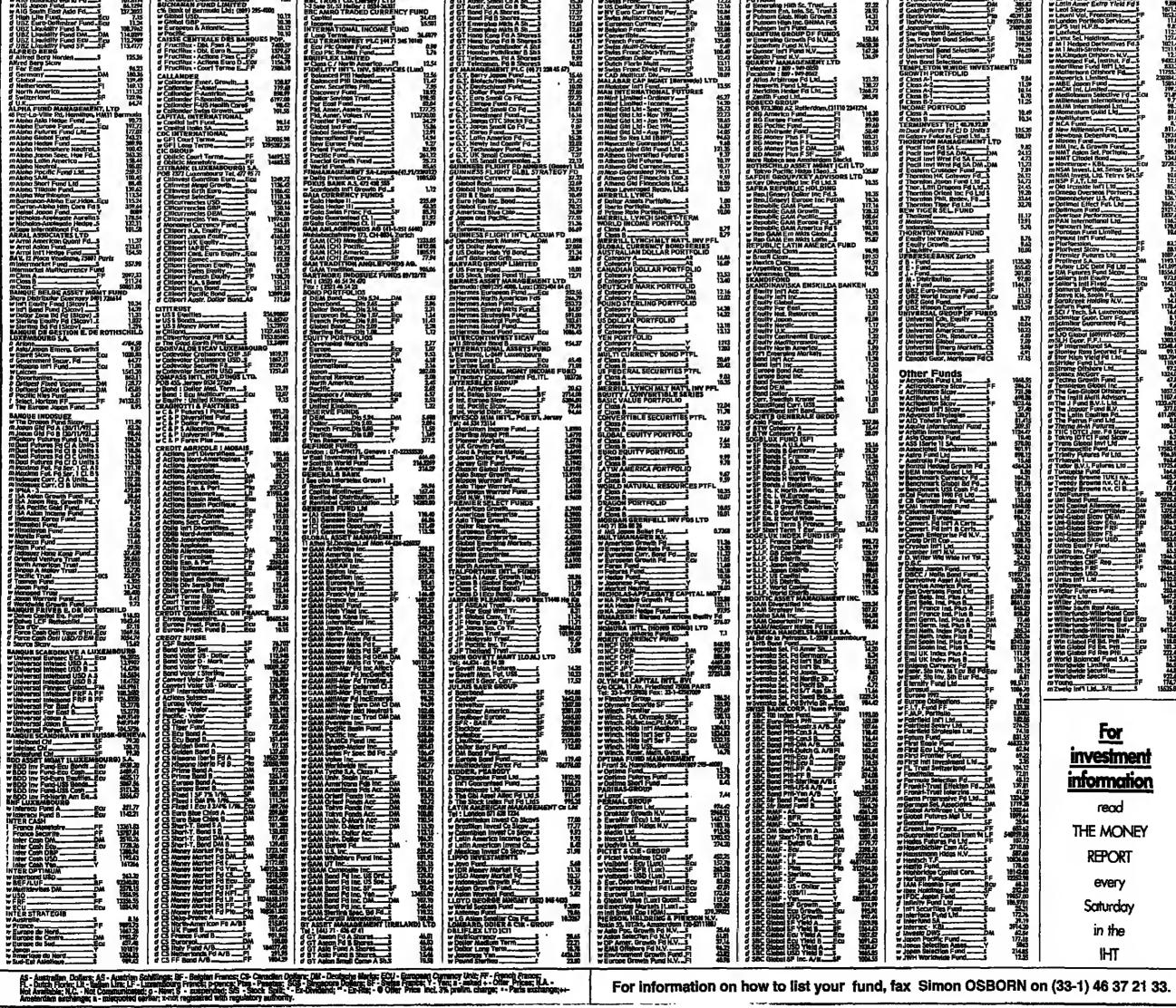
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CANBERRA --- Australia announced Thursday that it had reached an agreement with Japan to expand air routes between the two countries by 40 percent over the next two years, in an effort to further boost tourism. Transport Minister Bob Collins said the accord al-lowed for a second Australian carrier to apply for the right to serve the Japan-Australia market, and paved the way for Australian carriers to serve the new international airport near Osaka when it opens in 1994. Qantas is now the only Australian airline to fly to

apan. But the domestic carrier Ansett, which is forging links with Japan's All Nippon Airways, could become a contender as it becomes an international airline following the recent deregulation of the indus-

try. Japan is Australia's largest source of tourists. Separately, Canberra named four companies as lead managers and underwriters for the domestic portion of the flotation next year of shares in Qantas Airways. ANZ McCaughan Securities, County NatWest Australia, C.S. First Boston Australia and Potter Warburg will head up the offering. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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## Torretta, Faulk and Jones Lead All-America Team

Gino Torretta, the most successful quarterback in Miami history, was named on Thursday to the 1992 Associated Press All-America team along with Marshall Faulk of San Diego State and Marvin Jones with 1,547 yards and first in scoring of Florida State.

holds almost every career passing record. He averaged 6.8 yards per record at Miami and is one victory carry, third among 1,000-yard away from leading the Hurricanes to their second straight national championship.

attempts and had to touchdown passes with only seven interceptions. He already has won the Max-well and Walter Camp awards as the best college player, and is favored to win the Heisman Trophy

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on Saturday.
Faulk and Jones are the only players from last year's first team

to be selected again.
- Faulk was the nation's leading rusher for the second consecutive season and became only the second major-college player to gain more than 3.000 yards in his first two

The first was Georgia's Herschel Walker, who is also the only other player since World War II to make the AP first team as a freshman and sophomore. Despite missing 21/2 games due to injury, Faulk gained 1.630 yards this season and finished third in scoring with 15

Jones won the Lombardi Award as the country's top lineman and is a finalist for the Burkus Award, which goes to the best linebacker. He led the Seminoles with 111 tack-

2 Jurors Call for a New Tyson Trial

they have learned since his conviction February.

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) - Two of the jurors who convicted boxer Mike Tyson of rape now say that be deserves a new trial, based on things

The jurors, David Vahle and Rose Pride, said they now believed

Tyson's accuser had been motivated by money. "I cannot see her as credible from what I know now," Vahle said of the woman, Desiree Washington, the New York Post reported, "Right now, I wouldn't believe

anything she said."

Both Vahle and Pride told the newspaper that information about 'Washington's past and ber desire to sell rights to her story should not

have been kept from the jury. Tyson's attorney, Alan Dershowitz, was

expected to use the jurors' comments in arguing for a new trial. He filed a new appeal last week, claiming information about Washington should not have been kept from the jury. Tyson is serving a six-year prison term

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Mats Wilander of Sweden, once the world's

top-ranked men's tennis player, was quoted on Thursday as saving that be was considering a comeback after a year and a half away from

"Very often, I tell myself I'm just having a break in my career, not a final retirement," be told Belgium's Sport Magazine. "I want to come back, one day." Asked when, be said: "Perhaps in a few mouths, or next

Rattanapol Sorvorapin of Thailand won a split decision on Thursday to capture the IBF mini-flyweight boxing title from Manny Melchor of the

Philippines in a 12-round bout in Bangkok.

(AP)

Jacques Lambert, 44, a senior French civil servant, was named on Thursday as director-general of soccer's 1998 World Cup organizing committee. The 1998 cup will be beld in France.

(Reuters)

Ruud Gullit, former captain of the Dutch national soccer team, was

called back to the squad on Thursday for the Netherlands' World Cup

qualifying match against Turkey on Wednesday. In September, Gullit had asked "for personal reasons" to be left off the team. Gullit's AC Milan teammates Marco van Basten and Frank Rijkaard were also

Wilander Considers a Comeback

year. If I come back, I'll regain my place in the top 10."

**SIDELINES** 

others behind the line of scrim-

Joining Torretta and Faulk in the backfield is Georgia's Garrison Hearst.

Hearst was second in rushing with 21 touchdowns, which broke Torretta is 26-1 as a starter. Walker's Southeastern Conference

The all-purpose back is Stan-ford's Glyn Milburn, who was sec-He threw for 3.060 yards this season completed 57 percent of his game) and third in punt returns with an 18.5 average and three

> The wide receivers are Sean Dawkins of California and O. J. McDuffie of Penn State, and the

The offensive line is led by Ne-

braska guard Will Shields, who Force Deon Figures of Colorado won the Outland Trophy as the and Carlton Gray of UCLA. outstanding interior lineman. Rounding out the offense are cen-ter Mike Compton of West Virginia: guard Aaron Taylor of Notre Dame: tackles Lincoln Kennedy of Washington and Everett Lindsay of Mississippi; and placekicker Joe Allison of Memphis State.

The defensive line features a pair of ends from Alabama's top-rated unit, Eric Curry and John Cope-

They are joined by linemen Rob Waldrop of Arizona and Chris Slade of Virginia, linebackers Jones, Micheal Barrow of Miami

tight end is Chris Gedney of Syra- and Marcus Buckley of Texas TD catches, one short of the Pac-10 A&M; and backs Ryan McNeil of record.
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> The punter is Sean Snyder of Kansas State.

The team includes 18 seniors and six juniors, with Faulk the only sophomore. The juniors are Hearst, Dawkins, Taylor, Allison, Waldrop

Top-ranked Miami has three players on the team, while No. 2 Alabama has two. No other school has more than one representative.

Dawkins set school records for receptions (65), receiving yards [1,070) and touchdown catches [14) in a season. He now has 31 career

Hoffman, Washington; Travis, Hill, Nebrasko. Backs — Patrick Bates, Texas A&A; George Teasue, Alabama; Carey Sowyer, Florida State; Mike Reld, North Carolina State.

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McDuffie caught 63 passes for 977 yards and nine touchdowns, breaking Penn State records in all three categories.

Gedney had 34 catches for 587 yards and five touchdowns, snapping Syracuse's season and career records for catches and receiving yardage.

Shields opened holes for Nebras-ka's vaunted rushing attack, which led Division I-A with 328 yards per game. Taylor helped Notre Dame limish near the top in rushing, scoring and total offense.

Kennedy, the biggest player on the AP team at 6-f001-7 (2 meters), 325 pounds (148 kilograms), an-chored a line that paved the way for Washington's high-scoring offense Mississippi coach Billy Brewer says Lindsay is the best offensive line-man he's coached in 10 years at Ole

Compton is an iron man. He didn't give up a sack this year and has missed only 15 of 1,238 offensive plays over the last two seasons. Allison, winner of the inaugural Lou Groza placekicking award, made 23 of 25 field goals and all 32 of his extra points.

Copeland and Curry were bookends on an Alabama defense that gave up fewer yards than any other team. They had 91/2 sacks each, forced a total of five fumbles and combined for 49 quarterback pres-

Waldrop led Arizona's smothering defense with 10 sacks and 22 15 sacks to break the Atlantic



Lawrence Moten had Tennessee's Lang Wiseman under more than his thumb, as No. 15 Syracuse held off the Volunteers, 87-81.

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Inglewood, California, Sedale Threatt scored 26 points and the Lakers shot 64 percent from the field to end Portland's modest two-

The Lakers led by 26 in the third

54-44 lead to 80-58.

game winning streak.

## Wolverines | | | Put Falcons Away, but It's Work

It has not been an easy start for No. 6 Michigan.

There was the loss to Duke Satarday in a rematch of last spring's national championship game, an de unimpressive victory over Detroit Mercy on Monday and Wednesday's 79-68 victory over Bowling Green — a game in which the Wol-verines had to work harder than

"In a hlowout, everybody gets to play, and you all have fun," said the Wolverines' guard Jalen Rose,

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

who scored 19 points. "But when you have close games like this, you find out what you and your teammates are made of. When you're as highly touted as we are, you're going to get everybody's best shot at

That was certainly true in Bowling Green's case, as Ray Lynch made four 3-pointers for a careerhigh 20 points. But the Wolverines (3-1) had Chris Webber, who scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half to give Michigan their second consecutive victory.

A 3-pointer by Lynch gave Bowling Green its first lead, 28-27, with 4:15 left in the first half. The Fal-cons stretched it to 32-29 before Michigan, holding Bowling Green to one basket over the final 2:46, rallied for a 36-34 balftime lead.

The struggle continued briefly into the second half before Webber took charge. Lynch's third 3-pointer gave the Falcons their last lead, 39-38, with 17:44 left in the game.
Then Webber hit a 3-pointer and a driving layup, Jimmy King made a 3-pointer and the Wolverines

huilt their lead to 58-45. No. 5 North Carolina 78, Virginia Tech 62; George Lynch, who played most of his high school ball in Roanoke, Virginia, put on a show for the home folks to help North Carolina (4-0) roll over Vir-ginia Tech (1-1). Lynch had 18

points and 11 rebounds. Vanderbilt 90, No. 9 Louisville 88: Chris Lawson's follow shot with one second left lifted Vander-bilt to a 90-88 upset of No. 9 Louisville in Nashville.

Bruce Elder's career-high 28 points helped the Commodores (5-) stay ahead for most of the game before James Brewer's third consecutive 3-pointer tied the game at 88-88 with 1:50 left.

Brewer missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 31 seconds left that would have given Louisville (1-1) the lead. Vanderbilt rebounded and held the ball for a final shot. Lawson rebounded a shot missed by Billy McCaffrey and scored.

Pittsburgh in the Big East opener for both schools. No. 15 Syracuse 87, Tennessee

81: Lawrence Moten led a balanced attack with 21 points as visiting Syracuse held off Tennessee.

#### The All-America Teams

#### FIRST TEAM

emen — Eric Curry, Alabama, 4-4, 265, lar; John Copeland, Alabama, 6-3, 261, sesenior; John Copeland, Alabama, 6-2, 261, senior, Rab Waldrap, Arlzona, 6-2, 265, lunior; Chris Siade, Virginia, 6-5, 235, senior.

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#### SECONO TEAM

ack — Marvin Graves, Syroc Dame: Trever Cobb. Rice. Wide receivers - Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech

Canter — Steve Everitt, Michigan, Guards — Steve Seegars, Clemson; cores, Michigan

## Dan Maskell, 'Voice' Of Wimbledon, Dies

The Associated Press LONDON - Dan Maskell, the former BBC tennis com-

mentator known as the "Voice of Wimbledon," died Thursday of heart failure. He was 84. Maskell retired earlier this year after 42 years at the BBC, where his name and understated commentary became synonymous with the world's most

prestigious tennis tournament.
"Oh, I say," was a trademark Maskell phrase, as were, "What a peach of a pass!" and "Well played, indeed!" Maskell was the antithesis of American sports broadcasters.

His commentary was often marked by long silences.
"Economy of words is what most viewers enjoy," be once

said. "If it's not worth saying

don't say it."
One of Maskell's greatest admirers was the American commentator Bud Collins, wbo once paid him this fitting trib-ute: "Everyone 1 know thinks three things about Dan Maskell: they think be invented television, they think he invent-ed tennis and they think he in-vented Wimbledon."

Maskell never missed a day's

mentary booth was for the 1991 men's final. Of all the great players Mas-

kell watched, the one he said he admired most was Rod Laver.
"I think Laver was the per-fect champion," Maskell said last summer, "He had a record that was unbelievable over a long period of years, and he was a great, great man: unassuming. modest, presentable in every way: the very some of a great

Maskell deplored the behavior of John McEnroe but still considered him to be one of the great talents of all time.

"I think the players that have given me the greatest pleasure must include McEnroe and Borg, in 1980, when they that famous 18-16 tiebreak," he

Maskell, born in 1908, began his tennis career in 1923 as a ball boy at London's Queen's Club. He was British junior rackets champion at 16, and at 20 was British professional

He was the playing pro at the All England Club from 1928 to 1955. He was coach of the Brit-Maskell never massed a day's play at Wimbledon in his career. His last spell in the comby defeating France in Paris.

## Suns Ablaze Atop the NBA

#### Stopping Hornets, Phoenix Takes League's Best Record 99, and two free throws by Danny

Ainge sealed the victory with 30

seconds to play,
Buils 108, Cavaliers 91: In Chicago, Michael Jordan also had a tri-

ple-double - and it was also his

The hottest team in the National

Basketball Association now has the

league's best record.
The Phoenix Suns, in the midst

of a five-game, weeklong Eastern **NBA HIGHLIGHTS** 

road trip, moved a half-game into first place in the Pacific Division on Wednesday with a 110-101 vic-tory over the Charlotte Homets. With Portland losing 124-111 to the Los Angeles Lakers, Phoenix has the best record in the league at 12-4. The Suns bave won seven of their last eight and are 2-0 on the

road imp. Phoenix got the job done thanks to Charles Barkley, who had his first triple-double in a Suns uniform. Barkley had 23 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists — and at least one pot-down at his teammates'

Hey, it's about time you guys started making some layups," Bark-ley shouted after the Suns held offthe Homets in the fourth quarter. Phoenix opened up a 94-86 lead on a layup by Frank Johnson, but

first of the year.

Jordan had 28 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists to pace Chicago to an easy victory over Cleveland. The Bulls put the game away before Portland cut the lead to

## Trainer Assailed for Treating Johnson's Cut Without Gloves

LOS ANGELES — California's workplace-safety agency will investi-gate the Los Angeles Lakers trainer Gary Vitti's failure to wear gloves as a precaution against AIDS transmission while treating a cut on Magic Johnson's forcarm.

A Rhode Island doctor's complaint concerning Vitti's actions has been turned over to the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration by federal health officials, Los Angeles newspapers reported Wednesday. Johnson, who carries HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, suffered the cut Oct. 30 during a National Basketball Association exhibition game in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The game turned out to be Johnson's last in a Lakers uniform. He has cited the infection-fears of NBA officials and players as the chief reason for his decision a few days later to retire.

Phoenix opened up a 94-86 lead on a layup by Frank Johnson, but the Hornets crept within 102-99 with 2:32 to play on Dell Curry's two long-range jumpers.

The Hornets had a chance to tie, but Kendall Gill's 3-pointer was off the mark. Tom Chambers hit a layup with 1:16 left to make it 104-

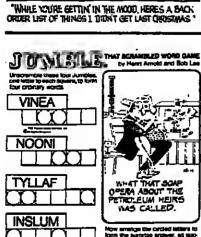
No. 11 Georgetown 80, Pitts-burgh 66: Joey Brown and fresh-man Othella Harrington each had 16 points as Georgetown defeated

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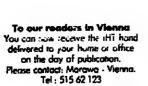




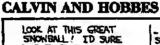




















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## SPORTS AUTO RACII

## **Braves Win Maddux Bidding** With 5-Year, \$28 Million Deal

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputcher
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — An imposing pitching staff became more formidable when the Atlanta

\*\*The Proposed Teaching National League champion on Braves bad already begun making a push for Maddux.

When the prospect of Atlanta

the final exclamation point to a frenetic week here.

In a frenzy imprecedented in the 17-year instory of free agency, clubs signed 35 free agents in three days to contracts worth \$225 million. On money and what was his mind-set? Wednesday alone, teams paid \$72.75 million for seven free agents. The rash of signings brought to 64 the number of free agents who have signed new contracts. That total, too, is unprecedented for this

In 1989, 43 free agents bad signed by Dec. 9. That was the previous highest number for this period. But the average number signed by this date in the first 16

years was 18. After being passed over by the marquee free agents Doug Drabek, David Cone and Barry Bonds, the Yankees were snubbed once again by Maddux. Yankees officials had been deciding Wednesday whether to up their \$34 million, five-year

more formidable when the Atlanta
Braves announced that they had
given Greg Maddux, the 1992 National League Cy Young Award
winner, the largest gnaranteed contract ever for a pitcher, signing him
to a five-year, \$28 million deal.

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record and a 2.68 ERA this year.

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Maddux rejected a five-year,

"Why did he turn down that money and what was his mind-set?
The Atlanta Braves are the reason," Boras said. "When Greg turned that money down, he wanted to have a chance to pitch in the World Series."

The Yankees general manager, Gene Michael, said: "This one hurts. He's the best one out there. We tried. I never thought I'd say this, but at \$28 million, this guy is a

Maddux, 28, will receive a \$2.5 million signing bonus and salaries of \$5 million in 1993, \$3.5 million in '94, \$5 million in '95 and \$6 million apiece in '96 and '97. The right-hander posted a 20-11 record and a 2.18 earned run average for the Cubs this year in outdistancing his new Atlanta teammate, Tom. Piatt to Kansas City for catches

with a rotation of Maddux, '91 C Ynung winner Glavine, John Smoltz, Steve Avery and Pete Smith — who combined for a 73-42

"It goes without saying that an organization like ours, which for years has demonstrated its appreciation for great pitching, made an er of his caliber," said Atlanta's general manager, John Schuerholz. We think this provides the Atlanta Braves with the most formidable starting pitching rotation in base-

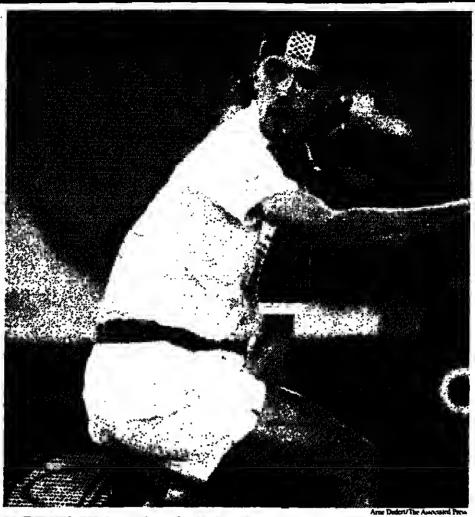
Soon after the Maddux signing, the Braves moved to bring their payroll under control by in effect dumping the salary of Charlie Leibrandt, who was traded, along with minor league pitcher Pat Gomez, to the Texas Rangers for minor league third baseman Jose Oliva.

Other signings and trades: · Pitcher Mike Moore and the

Detroit Tigers agreed to \$10 million over three years. Outfielder Dave Martinez and the San Francisco Giants agreed to

\$2.2 million over two years. • Reliever Alejandro Pena and the Pittsburgh Pirates agreed on \$1.35 million, nne-year contract.

· Montreal sent pitcher Mark Gardner along with pitcher Doug offer to Maddux, but they never glavine for Cy Young honors. The Tim Spehr and pitcher Jeff Shaw. got the chance. The two-time de-Braves likely will begin next season (WP. AP. NYT)



McENROE'S FINALE? — Goran Ivanisevic got fancy with a return to John McEnroe en route to a 3-6 6-4 6-2 Grand Slam Cup victory Thursday in Munich. McEnroe said after the loss that he did not want to announce his retirement, but that he was unlikely to play tournaments anymore.

## Feet First: Baseball's Owners as Pistol-Packing Centipedes

By George Vecsey New York Times Service

NEW YORK — They may have 100 feet apiece, like some slow-moving little creature, but sooner or later baseball's owners are going to shoot enough of their own feet to bring their game to an ugly halt.

They plugged themselves in their pedal extremities once again this week when they voted, by a pitiful and public 15-to-13 margin, to reopen negotiations on collective bargaining with one year left in their contract. Legally, the owners had the right to reopen the contract as long as

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they notified the players by Friday, bot their current

contemporary definition of chutzpah. In the face of a recession, they spent all their television money, and now they are hitting on their labor force. In the cold, ominous wintry air, we hear the plea, "Stop us before we spend again." ard Ravitch, who is paid \$750,000 a year to be their labor official. By hiring Ravitch, they effectively abolished the \$650,000-per-year post of commissioner even before they forced nut Fay Vincent in September. Can you imagine a real commissioner allowing a brazen seven-time drug loser like Steve Howe to come swaggering back in the New York Yankees?

The public should now cut a deal with baseball: If the owners promise not to insult our intelligence by appointing some poor lackey to be commissinner, then we will treat Ravitch with a modicum of respect as baseball's top hired gun.

Ravitch made sense on Munday when be suggested the clubs should find ways to share their local revenues, including tickets and hometown television. He also sounded conciliatory about the owners' unt wanting a lockout to disrupt the 1993 season.

There are some compelling reasons that the players association should listen to Ravitch about implementing some kind of salary cap.

Baseball's owners were not smart enough to consult the players before going public about renegotiation, but maybe it would not have helped. The newspaper clips from a decade ago suggest that the National Basketball Association had dreadful finances and public image, while Commissioner Larry O'Brien and his bright young assistant, David Stern, were hammer-ing out a salary cap with the players.

On March 31, 1983, both sides hit upon a 53 percent share for the players, which soon revived basketball into the most exciting and best-run North American professional sport. There is nn indication a salary cap in baseball could make up the damage done by long games, rampant artificiality and the lack of new super-stars in baseball, but it surely worked for basketball.

The baseball nwners are currently wielding an economic study, which they subsidized, that says their profits have dropped 54 percent since 1989. But their own lack of sense has been their biggest problem.

Last season, a manager nudged me during batting practice and motioned toward a utility infielder and

whispered, "He makes \$700,000, and I can't use him in more than 40 or 50 games." The spending disease is catching. The new owners of

the San Francisco Giants just spent \$43.75 million for a six-year contract for Barry Bonds, which must gall Bob Lurie. The former majority owner of the Giants had to accept \$15 million less from a San Francisco group than he was offered from a group in St. Peters-

You have to wonder where it will end. The worst buy in sports these days has to be a 1993 baseball season-ticket. As low as interest rates are, the banks have got to be a better deal than lending the money interest-free to a aseball owner who may be plotting a lockout.

By the time the owners gave the money back for unplayed games, the public would have unwittingly paid for the owners' lawyers and the owners' limousines. The best plan of action is to take your chances on buying a ticket on opening day — if and when. Brisk walkup sales, as they call it. In the meantime, fans just might hold on to their money and watch the

## FISA Scraps French Prix in **Tobacco Feud**

PARIS - FISA, the governing body of Formula One racing struck the French Grand Prix off the world championship calendar on Thursday because of a ban in

France on tobacco advertising.

Max Mosley, president of FISA,
said the French federation could not guarantee that cars and equipment bearing cigarette logos would not be seized by courts enforcing the ban, which takes effect Jan. 1. "Unfortunately, after discus-sions between the French federation and the government, they were not able to give us guarantees, so we had to remove the race from the calendar," be said at a press confer-

Mosley added that the federation's World Motor Council decided in its year-end meeting to call off the French Grand Prix and run only 15 races in 1993.

a slight chance the race would be held in another country where anti-tobacco measures are less stringent. The French Federation would have to make an application to seek to run its race elsewhere, and the World Mntor Council would have

tn vote on it, Mosley said. "But as of now the decision is definite, finished," be added. There will be no Grand Prix of France next year."

The French law bans all forms of cigarette advertising, which is a major form of revenue for motor racing, whose cars and drivers' cluthing are typically covered with cigarette logos

Removal of the race followed a French regional court decision tn fine the British Williams team 30 million francs (\$5.6 million) because its cars had broken French anti-inbacco laws by showing ciga-rette advertising at last munth's Australian Grand Prix, which was run in Adelaide and broadcast on

television in France.
That an English team taking part in a race in Australia should be fined by a French court, we find a bit strange," Mosley said Thurs-day. "There is a risk that other teams could be fined fur taking part in other races. When they bring their cars into France, they

could be seized. We feel this is wrong. It's a risk we can't take." He said the president of the French federanon, Jean-Marie Balestre, who was his predecessor as FISA chief, had tried to resolve the situation but had been unable to get French government guarantees.

An amendment in the law that would have permitted eigarette advertising in motor sports was rejected by the French parliament last weekend. But a change to allow elevisioo coverage nf inbaccosponsored cars outside France was

#### Do 2-Car Duty? Superman Can, Mansell Can't

The Associated Press

LONDON -- Nigel Man-sell, the 1992 World Farmula One champion, on Thursday dismissed speculation that he could both compete in Indy-Car racing next season and de-fend his Grand Prix title. "Maybe Superman can do

it, but I'm certainly oot Superman." Mansell said in an interview with the BBC. "It's just not possible."

Although some of the races

clash, there has been speculanno in Europe that Mansell could compete in enough Formula One races to stand a chance of keeping his title. Mansell quit the Williams

Renault team and decided to race lodyCars after the team hired Alain Prost of France, a former world champion, and Mansell was unable to agree nn a oew contract, Williams has not named its second driver, and that has fu-

eled speculation that Mansell, an Englishman, would return. But Mansell does not see it

"All I know is that I am driving IndyCars next year far Paul Newman and Carl Haas," he said.

## Senate Is Warming Up For Antitrust Hardball

By Claire Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Major league baseball has again managed to catch the attention of Congress and end up as vulnerable as tinder under a ray from a magnifying glass. The Senate antitrust subcommit tee is about to re-examine basebail's 70-year-old annitrust exemp-

tion, seeking to determine whether the sport deserves to retain one of the most unique perks ever bestowed on an American industry. There are those who might say such inquiries come along just about every time the sport expands

without sating the appetite of some baseball-poor sector of the country. In fact, one of the underlying reasons for Thursday's hearing was that legislators from Florida are livid that Tampa and St. Petersburg were once again led on by baseball only to be denied the privilege of

gaining one of the two new Nation-

al League franchises or buying the San Francisco Giants. But for baseball to assume that the current spasm of concern and criticism is fueled solely by the anger of the Florida delegation could be a fatal mistake. This time, baseball could be in for a different ballgame on Capitol Hill.

"Congress is more serious about repealing the antitrust exemption or limiting it than it has ever been before in my recollection," said Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum, the Ohio Democrat who is chairman of the subcommittee. He said the dismissal of Com-

missioner Fay Vincent precipitated the issue, and mentioned a oumber

of grievances and concerns on the eve of the hearings:

The increase in the number of games on pay television at the expense of games broadcast into home for free. Also, exclusivity rules that bar certain pay-per-view broadcasts from specific regions of the country.

• The reserve clause, which binds players to teams for the first six years of their careers, but is still viewed by some as an archaic form of scrvitude.

• Baseball's refusal to approve the sale of the Giants to a Florida group, clearing the way for a Califormia group to buy the team even though its bid was \$15 million lower. Baseball's hiring policies in light of the investigation into alle-gations that the Cincinnati Reds'

owner, Marge Schntt, made racist and anti-Semitic statements and the continuing criticism by minority groups about lack of equal op-. And, said Metzenbaum, "the

fact that baseball demands that people who are hard-pressed to find the tax dollars to keep their kids in school, or to pay sufficient salaries to their police and fire personnel, but requires various communities to build them stadiums costing them hundreds of millions of dollars and then give teams very favorable terms on concessions and

"Baseball has become high and mighty," he added, "and the question is, is this really a sport any longer or is this just a plain busi-

## **SCOREBOARD**

BASKETBALL **NBA Standings** EASTERN CONFEDENCE

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HOCKEY American Hockey Langue NEW HAVEN—Called up Trevar Jobe, con-

City, IHL.

HARTFORD—Recalled Corrie D'Alessia,
pooltender, from Sprinafield, AHL

LOS ANGELES—Re-assisted Guy Leveque, canter, io Phoenix, IHL.

NNL—Suspended Owen Notan, Guebec
right wing, for four son-some days for crosschecking. Birthord Markethys. Alessessia.

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## Firing at the Top

By Russell Baker

N EW YORK — After years of feeding on strawberries. cream and honey, or tons of money if you'd rather not be poetic about it, corporate executives are suddenly getting fired. Mr. Stempel of General Motors was the most spectacular instance of their new vulnerability, Now Mr. Robinson of American Express is said to be getting the boot

Note that I don't dare breathe the names of these boardroom commanders without calling them "Mister." Such is the awe that corporate giants inspire in those hred to think of them as an elite class. "Corporate statesmen," they were called in the Eisenhower years. One was invited to kowtow. Now they get fired.

This is a big development in American firing. Until now, corpo-rate giants were as unfireable as government workers and tenured college professors. Firing a corporate statesman can be done, apparently, only by his board of directors. It is a private operation carried out by a handful of board-room big shots who have known each other for years.

Whatever the reason for a corporation's board to give the pink slip to its CEO, you can bet your gold fillings it has nothing to do with the reason you'd like to fire the guy.

If, for instance, you owned one of those multitudes of General Motors pickup trucks with the dangerously exposed gasoline tanks, you might enjoy telling Mr. Stempel to clear out his desk and pick up his farewell check at the pay window.

Never mind that those trucks were produced under the administration of Mr. Stempel's predecessor, Mr. Smith, who has since overseen his own retirement on a pension exceeding \$1 million a year. You might be sufficiently botheaded about your dangerous truck to drop the "Mister" and say: "Don't talk a retired Smith to me. What's Stempel done about my truck since taking over? Nothing.

Stempel must go."

Boards of directors doubtless wish their companies wouldn't sell you dangerous merchandise. They are not merchants of death, nor heartless, nor totally indifferent to their customers' safety.

Still, if the profit margin is expanding, rather than fire their corporate giant they are more likely to approve his latest application for

another pay rise after asking if there isn't something he can do, by the way, about the nasty gasolinetank situation in his trucks.

How different this is from the traditional method of firing baseball managers and football coaches. Fans of the New York Giants football team, for example, are responding to the team's unsuccess season by demanding the coach be fired. The sports pages and all

history suggest he will be. In contrast to the indifference a discontented Chevrolet buyer may expect after demanding that Gen-eral Motors fire its president, a discontented Giants fan demanding Coach Handley's head seems to receive a sympathetic hearing from the authorities.

Actually, of course, all but the most dim-witted fan realizes he is merely acting out the traditional fan's role in a traditional firing ritual. The obvious remedy for an unsuccessful team is to fire the players, or at least the more incompetent among them, and hire better ones.

Sports fans know this. They also know just as surely that team owners will not do so. For one thing, it would cost a great deal of money, which the owners might not have or which they might prefer to spend on Caribbean real estate if they did

Moreover, it usually takes sever-al years to replace losing players with winning players. Fans know this too and so are content to have the coach fired. Team owners, happy to be so easily forgiven for marketing an inferior product, content-edly play their role in the charade by firing the coach.

Hiring a new coach is the economically sound, though athletically absurd, solution for a losingteam problem, since coaches and, in baseball, managers - work for even less money than mediocre, which is to say unwinning, athletes. The beauty part is that coaches and managers accept the rules of the charade and expect to be fired peri-odically, just as Mafia men accept, as part of their job, the probability that they will have to spend a percentage of their lives in prison. The lesson here is that if you hope

to fire the people you think need firing you must get a seat on the corporate board or own the team.

New York Times Service

## Struggling for Art: It Can Last a Long Time

By William Grimes New York Times Service

NEW YORK — When Donato Man-cini moved into his cold-water loft in Brooklyn, the idea was to stay a year, then move on to more comfortable quarters. That was in March 1980, "Almost 13 years without a hot shower," Mancini said with a rueful smile, gesturing out over his studio.

For nearly 13 years, Mancini, 45, has cooked his meals on a hot plate and an electric casserole. Each morning, he has heated water on the hot plate and taken a sponge bath. And every day, he has picked up charcoal or brush to work on drawings and paintings that pile up in his loft, most of them unsold and unseen. This has been his routine, in various locations around the city, since he left with an art degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn in 1970.

The artist toiling away in a garret was already a cliche when Puccini wrote "La Bohème." But Mancini is the genuine article. For several years, Jock Truman, a retired New York gallery owner, put Man-cini's loft on a shopping tour he organized for wealthy collectors. "He'd always stop at my place first," Mancini said. "It's very picturesque. You look at it and say, 'Yeah, this is an artist's studio.'

The romance is in short supply, however, for Mancini and for the thousands of other artists in the city scrambling to get a foot on the ladder of success. New York is tough on its painters and sculptors. High rents have driven many of them from Manhattan and away from the dealers they hope to entice to their studios. Working space is scarce and often expensive, and artists who try to colo-nize commercial lofts can wind up spending more time fighting eviction by the city than

Even in the best of times, the expense of running a gallery means dealers think long and hard before taking on a new artist. In the current economic climate, with many galleries folding, the point of entry has narrowed even further, as dealers mount fewer exhibitions and cut back on the list of artists they represent

Economic uncertainty has been com-pounded by a kind of aesthetic malaise. The art world has failed to generate the kind of exciting movement that collectors embrace with open checkbooks. The boom that put painters like Julian Schnabel, Da-vid Salle and Eric Fischl in the pages of Vogue and HG has fizzled. The mood now is one of sullen apprehension, as strapped dealers, bored critics and restless artists scan the horizon for the next thing. Yet for visual artists, New York is still the place. It's the city where careers are made, where the money, the dealers, the

critics and the ideas are. "Believe me, every month I say: Twe got to get the hell out of here. I should be living in Florence." Mancini said. "But I stick it out, because New York really is the center of the world in many ways, especial-



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Donato Mancini, one of the thousands of struggling artists in New York, in his cold-water loft with his "Wedding Triptych."

ly if you want to be in touch with other artists, in other fields."

It would be difficult to find an artist more isolated than Mancini. He has chosen a medium, easel painting, that has undergone critical attack for nearly 30 years as a reactionary, bourgeois form that has been superseded by photography, video, performance art and installation art with a sharp political edge.

Moreover, Mancini paints in a figurative style. That is, he deals in recognizable images, using an idiosyncratic visual language based on the work of Renaissance frescoes, the Mexican muralists of the 1930s and Edward Hopper. He presents, in a kind of mythic narrative, the social rituals he experienced as a first-generation Italian growing up near the auto factories of Detroit, where his father worked until his death in 1972.

A characteristic painting is "Teenage Dance," a 6-by-14-foot triptych (1.8 by 4.2 meters). On its side panels, two couples slow dance. In the central panel, throngs of teenagers dance in a floodlighted ontdoor arena, set against an ominous background in which the factories of Detroit

pour smoke into a low, brooding sky.

"A lot of people are not sympathetic to
the work," said Michael Walls, a SoHo dealer who has included drawings of Mancini's in two off-season group shows. "It is not part of the MOMA-endorsed official chronology of modern art, it's dehberately outside that, and people ask, 'How is it any different from things that were done in the '20s and '30s?'

Mancini has never sold enough work to make a living. To support his painting, he said, he does free-lance work design audiovisual displays. He has turned down full-time job offers to leave time for his art. He has never earned as much as \$20,000 in a year from all sources of income, he said. To date, he has sold about 15 paintings and drawings. Expenses for supplies and promotional materials, including slides and transparencies of his work, postcard announcements for shows and postage,

run about \$3,000 a year, he said.

This year, Mancini received his first grant, of \$2,000, from the Pyramid Arts Center in Rochester, New York, as part of a regional program called "Diverse Forms," financed by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Andy Warhol Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Mancini lives a spartan existence. His loft measures 1,000 square feet (about 93 square meters), and about 80 percent of that is devoted to work and storage space. He has a bed, a guest bed that doubles as a couch, a small circular coffee table, a table to eat on, five chairs, two bookshelves and a homemade work table he also uses as a desk. It's the kind of furniture that the Salvation Army no longer bothers to pick

What the studio lacks in amenities it makes up for in light, which floods in from three sides, and from a large roof section of rippled translucent plastic. The sound pigeons scrabbling for footing overhead a constant background noise. Mancini has had just enough success

over the years - an exhibition here, a sale to an important collector there - to keep him from sinking into despair. A banner year was 1982, when three of his large drawings were included in a show at the Drawing Center in SoHo (and sold for \$2,500) and a gouache version of "Teenage Dance" was included in a show of Brooklyn artists at the Brooklyn Museum.

For the next two years, Mancini rode the crest of a small wave, His work appeared in two more group shows, in Chicaand Morristown, New Jersey. The Brooklyn Museum invited him back. Then, nothing, It was back to the routine of putting together press kits and mailing them to galleries, freshening up the pack-age from time to time with photographs and slides of new work. Lately, things have been looking a little

more hopeful. Last year, the show at Walls's gallery led to a one-man show at the Miami-Dade Community College Art Museum. A scaled-down version of the show traveled to the Bergen Museum of Art and Science this year in Paramus, New Jersey. Mancini, despite the frustrations of 27

years, remains philosophical about his art and his career. He defines his goals modestly. Success, he says, would mean earning enough money to paint full time.

I didn't start doing this work gearing it toward my career; I did it after seeing my father in his casket," be said. "That's when I decided to commit myself to it totally, no

turning back, although now I can see that

### PEOPLE

On the Drawing Board, Mia's Side: The Book

Tell-all book in the works: Min Farrow is working on an autobiography that is expected to tell all about her feud with Woody Alen or at least all of her side of the story. The still untitled book will be published by Bantam Doubleday Dell, probably in 1994. A spokes man for the publisher said the book would be a "reflective and personal memoir about her professional life and her life as a mother." He declined to discuss figures, but rumor has it she will get a \$3 million advance. It's likely to be a bestseller, given the rabid publicity already accorded the bitter break-up of Woody and Mia.

The father of the newborn son of Princess Stephanie of Monaco way fined 4,000 francs (\$750) and sentenced in absentia to 15 days in jail on Thursday for beating op a motorist in Nice in January. Daniel Ducruet has stayed in Monaco, our of reach of French law, since an arrest warrant was issued for him. His and Stephanie's son, Louis, was born on Nov. 27 in the principality.

You can start the list of those cashing in on their association with the new president with none other than Roger Clinton. Time Warner's Atlantic Records has signed President-elect Bill Clinton's singer brother to a recording contract worth an estimated \$200,000, The Hollywood Reporter says.

The country supersiar Garth Brooks won seven trophies at the 1992 Billboard Music Awards, including best pop artist and country singles artist. The Irish rock band U2 captured five awards. Michael Jackson was honored with a special award for best-selling artist of the past decade, and Billboard's first Century Award for distinguished creative achievement was presented to George Harrison.

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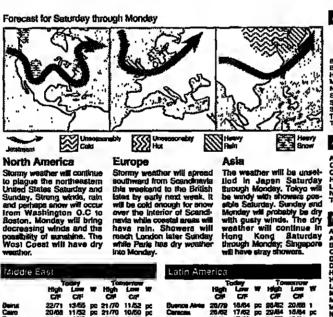
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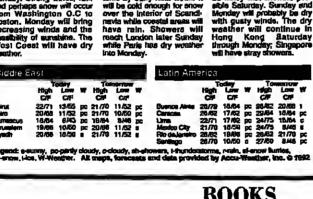
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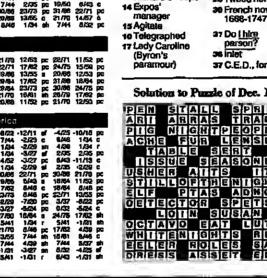
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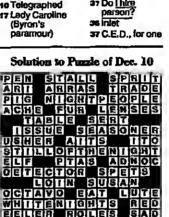


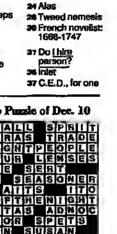




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#### BOOKS

#### THE PURLOINED CLINIC: Selected Writings By Janet Malcolm. 382 pages. \$23. Alfred A. Knopf.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

TANET Malcolm's last two books each created an uproar. Her 1984 book, "In the Freud Archives," which delineated a continuing intellectual dispute about Freud's theory of childhood sexuality, resulted in a libel suit.

mouth and of taking other quotes out of context. The case is schedled for a jury trial next year.

Malcolm's 1990 book, "The conscience, a kind of mea culps for uled for a jury trial next year.

Journalist and the Murderer," brought even more scrutiny to bear on the ethics and methodology of reporting. She accused the author Joe McGinniss of betraying the trust of the convicted murderer Dr. Jeffrey MacDonald (by befriending him and subsequently writing a defamatory book about him); she then went on to make a damning generalization about journalists.

"Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible," she wrote, "He is a kind of One of the book's primary sub-jects, Jeffrey Masson, sucd Mal-colm, accusing her of fabricating quotations and sticking them in his

Some critics charged that Malcolm's dark portrait of journalism her own betrayal of Masson, a charge Malcolm strenuously demed. In Malcolm's latest book, "The Purloined Clinic," a collection of essays written for The New Yorker and The New York Review of Books, one passage in particular sheds further light on the McGinniss and Masson controversies. In a 1985 article titled "The Quar-

terly Affair," Malcolm discusses the contretemps that ensued in 1886 when the writer John Churton Collins attacked his colleague Edm Gosse for publishing a scholarly book riddled with mistakes.

Noting Gosse's career-long propensity for error, Malcolm writes: "It is as if we all need in some way to take possession of whatever passes through our hands, to leave our mark, to show that we have been there. What may look like mere sloppiness is in (unconscious) fact a

studied assertion of personality. But there are also errors animated by more specific and less innocent wishes than the general desire to be onstage all the time. These are the tendentions errors that twist facts in a way favorable to the writer's thesis and are rightly called 'felonies' (or, in Collins's term, 'delinquencies'), because of the way they undermine the foundation of fact on which the world of ideas is poised."

Put in context with the McGinniss and Masson affairs, these re- startling images and metaphors. marks about "errors" and "sloppi-ness" on the part of all writers do not exactly increase the reader's confidence in Malcolm.

As it turns out, little in "The Pur- ers, however trustworthy or unloined Clinic" feels terribly controversial. The volume is one of those hodgepodge collections of miscella-

the simple sake of publishing a Many longer pieces fed needlessy discursive: They let the reader get to know the subject the way one would get to know a neighbor or co-worker, that is, gradually, over a

emingly endless stretch of time. What enables Malcolm to hold the reader's attention through such long-winded articles are her ability to incidly lay out complicated intel-lectual ideas and debates and ber ability to sum up her impre Such images underscore Mal-colm's descriptive talents. They also underscore the seductive power to persuade that all gifted writ-

trustworthy, can possess. Michiko Kakutani is on the staff neous pieces that is brought out for of The New York Times.

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By Alan Truscott

Michael Rosenberg of Manhattan and Michael Kamil of Teaneck, New Jersey, in the Life Master Open Pairs. Rosenberg, as South, climbed optimistically to six clubs after an opening bid on his left, and was not pleased when a heart was led and he viewed the dummy.

Looking at four hands it is easy to see he could have made his slam by leading toward the spade king. But he was certain that the spade ace was on his left, and that he was doomed with normal play.

West was known to have no high cards in hearts or cinbs, and would have led diamonds from an ace-king combination. It seemed to South that West had to have the spade ace to justify his opening bid. This calculation was astray sim-

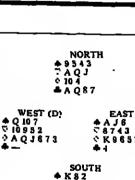
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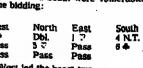
nine high-card points, far less than the normal quota. Rosenberg therefore planned a swindle. He won the opening heart lead with dummy's queen, and led

ply because West had opened with

three rounds of trump. Then South played two heart winners and made the sensational and apparently fatal, discard of the spade king from his hand. He then ran all but one of his trumps, and his plan worked. Both opponents, mesmerized by that spade king. clung to two diamonds and one

Now Rosenberg led a spade, and scored the last two tricks with a trump an the only remaining







## Update: Rock 'n' Roll and Revisionism

By Richard Harrington

WASHINGTON — "Rolling Stone's Illustrated History of Rock 'n' Roll" (Random House, \$22.50) is now in its third edition: The first came out in 1976, the second in 1980. It's interesting to note the changes in critical fashion.

There were more than a dozen new chapters in the 1980 edition: the Allman Brothers (stepping out of the original "Southern Rock" chapter), Rod Stewart, Steely Dan, Neil Young, "Sounds of Hollywood" and the same from Manhattan, new wave from England and the United States, reggae, punk, Bruce Spring-

steen and Elvis Costello. While Costello, Stewart and Steely Dan didn't make the 1992 cut, the updated edition has new chapters of its own. The Grateful Dead finally gets a chapter (while the Jefferson Amplane always had its own chapter, the Dead used to be lumped into "San Prancisco Sound"). Other changes: The "Sounds of Hollywood" and "Manhattan" are now the "Sounds of Cali-

formia" and "New York City." and the "New Wave" chapters have been rechristened "Alternative Scenes."

There's some revisionism (the Velvet Underground gets its own chapter, 2I years and two editions late, and the solo Beatles efforts warrant a chapter, as does Paul Simon) and a lot of updating. Four chapters have been redone by new writers. As for the past decade, it's represented by new chapters on women in revolt, UZ. Prince, MTV, Michael Jackson, Madonna, world beat, underground and rap. Although these don't burn with the critical passion of the original essays, "Illustrated History" remains one of the best and most concise chronicles of contemporary music, and, yes, the obscure Ersel Hickey, in a classic 50s photo, still leads the book

There's also a new "Rolling Stone Album Guida" (Random House, \$20), but it's not just an update. It's a totally new book. Whereas its 1983 predecessor was the work of more than 50 writers, this one is the work of just four, including Bultimore's J. D. Considine. As a result, there's a greater consistency to the reviews, which are far more inclusive and wide-ranging.